

# CIRCLE OF CONCERNED AFRICAN WOMEN THEOLOGIANS

One Day Conference on

## Gender and Resistance

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THURSDAY 5 MAY 2016

THE CHAPEL, FACULTY OF THEOLOGY, STELLENBOSCH UNIVERSITY



The Stellenbosch University and the University of Western Cape Chapter of the Circle of Concerned African Women Theologians invites female (as well as men who share in the Circle's goals) pastors, theologians and students in the area to participate in a conference on the theme of *Gender and Resistance* that will be held 5 May, 2016 in the Chapel of the Theological Faculty of Stellenbosch University. In both of our institutions, the theme of resistance has been an existential reality with 2015 that will go down in history as the year of student protests. What started with #RhodesMustFall and Open Stellenbosch, culminated in the #FeesMustFall and #EndOutsourcing movements that since October 2015 have been demanding free education on campuses all around the country in addition to fair working conditions for university workers. On some campuses, including University of Western Cape, exams were disrupted and protests turned violent with extensive damage to property.

During this one day conference, we will contemplate the question of the nature and the significance of Gender and Resistance. What role do feminist concerns play in the current culture of protest that will likely be with us for the time being? What biblical and theological resources are there to help us in this quest for justice and recognition that has been central to many of the protest movements on our respective campuses? What does the history of resistance movements in South Africa particularly as it relates to Gender have to teach us today as we are facing a whole new set of challenges in working toward a just and fair society?

We invite you to send us an abstract (100 words) and a title on the theme of "Gender and Resistance" by **28 February 2016** to Julie Claassens ([jclaassens@sun.ac.za](mailto:jclaassens@sun.ac.za)).

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