



Premier of the Western Cape – Ebrahim Rasool

List of Honourees receiving Provincial Honours 2004

1. Commander of the Order of the Disa awarded to Nelson R. Mandela

As a young man, hearing the elders' stories of his ancestors' valour during the wars of resistance in defence of their fatherland, Nelson Mandela dreamed also of making his own contribution to the freedom struggle of his people. He served articles at a law firm in Johannesburg where years of daily exposure to the inhumanities of apartheid, where being black reduced one to the status of a non-person, kindled in him a courage to change the world. On joining the Youth League of the African National Congress, Nelson Mandela became involved in programmes of passive resistance against apartheid's denial of political, social and economic rights to South Africa's black majority. In the revolution led by Mandela to transform a model of racial division and oppression into an open democracy, he demonstrated that he did not flinch in the face of adversity. As the world's most famous prisoner, leader, teacher and man, he exemplifies a moral integrity that shines far beyond South Africa.

2. Commander of the Order of the Disa awarded to F.W De Klerk

When F.W de Klerk lifted the ban on the ANC and other organisations in 1990, he set in motion a new era of transformation in South Africa. This end to apartheid and South Africa's racial segregation policy paved the way for negotiations, resulting in the release of Nelson Mandela and culminating in the first ever racially inclusive elections in South Africa in 1994. Together with Mr. Mandela, he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1993 for his work towards a peaceful negotiation process, which laid the foundations for a new democratic South Africa.

3. Commander of the Order of the Disa awarded to Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu

A man of immense moral authority, Archbishop Desmond Tutu has been one of the leading figures in the fight against apartheid in South Africa. In 1975 he became the first black Anglican Dean of Johannesburg, later becoming the Anglican Archbishop of Cape Town. Under his vigorous leadership, the church in South Africa became immersed in the political struggle. Tutu constantly told the government of the time that its racist approach defied the will of God and for that reason could not succeed. In 1985, he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize because of his quest for a non-violent end to apartheid. His long crusade began to bear fruit when the reforming FW de Klerk became President. Desmond Tutu encouraged him to take chances, and the African National Congress was unbanned. Because of his moral voice and bravery, he was chosen by President Mandela to chair South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission, and investigate the crimes committed during the apartheid regime.

4. Officer of the Order of the Disa awarded to Dr. Abdullah Abdurahman

An influential political thinker, Dr Abdullah Abdurahman was at the forefront of the anti-segregation movement in South Africa during the early twentieth century. He founded and led the African People's Organization (APO); a party that campaigned for the integration of people into society. He was the leader of many mass marches and campaigns against anti-segregation. Dr Abdurahman also successfully introduced multi-racial medical training for nurses. He was a member of the Cape Town City Council and of the Cape Provincial Council from 1914 to 1940.

5. Officer of the Order of the Disa awarded to Dr. Neville Alexander

Co-founder of the National Liberation Front, Dr. Neville Alexander was convicted of conspiracy to commit sabotage and sentenced to solitary confinement on Robben Island. There he became one of the leading intellectual voices on the island until his release in 1974. He struggled for social justice and equality for over four decades and his experiences of education, language and race have been extensively documented. His book "One Azania, One Nation" was banned in 1979. During the last few years, Dr.

Alexander has made a significant contribution to the development of diversity of language and culture in South Africa.

6. Officer of the Order of the Disa awarded to Ray Alexander

As a trade unionist, Ray Alexander was a devout adherent to debate within the workers' movement. She arrived in South Africa as a teenager from Latvia in 1929, as part of the Latvian Communist Party. Her name became synonymous with the Food and Canning Workers Union, which in the 1950's played a leading role in the South African Congress of Trade Unions. As honorary FAWU president, she conducted a vociferous campaign on governance issues, resulting in a series of banning orders. She was co-founder of the Federation of South African Women in 1954, an organisation which fought for women's rights and pioneered a Women's Charter. An outstanding leader of our workers and people, Ray devoted 75 years of her life to the labour movement. She is recently deceased.

7. Officer of the Order of the Disa awarded to Reverend Dr. Allan Boesak

A leading spokesperson and champion against apartheid in the Western Cape, Reverend Allan Boesak has remained a popular and respected voice in the community over the years. A former leader of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches, Reverend Boesak played a crucial role in the formation of the United Democratic Front; which became the voice of the struggle. He openly and defiantly resisted the Tricameral Parliament and the 1984 boycott of the Coloured and Indian Parliamentary elections. He also organised a march on Pollsmoor Prison in Cape Town to demand the release of Nelson Mandela and was the key person to have apartheid declared as a crime against humanity.

8. Officer of the Order of the Disa awarded to Brian Bunting

Remembered as the leader of the Communist Party of South Africa, Brian Bunting spent most of his life as a controversial human rights journalist. He represented people of colour in the House of Assembly from the Western Cape district, but was expelled from parliament because of his membership of the Communist Party. In the early sixties, he endured detention, house arrest and was prohibited from publishing due to his involvement with the liberal paper, Spark. After leaving for London, he published, among others, the definitive work, Rise of The South African Reich.

9. Officer of the Order of the Disa awarded to Dr. Danie Craven

Nobody has made a contribution to South African rugby of such variety and intensity as Danie Craven. As the one "white" sporting leader to meet with the exiled African National Congress in Harare, he incurred the wrath of the apartheid government as a result. Rugby thus started on the path of transformation before any other sport in the country. For the last decade of his life he preached the gospel of racially mixed sport. "We can change South Africa on the rugby field," he said. He was a passionate rugby man and a passionate South African.

10. Officer of the Order of the Disa awarded to Richard Dudley

Richard Dudley and the word "education" are synonymous. He taught at Livingstone High from 1945 until 1984, holding various posts, including that of deputy principal. He made deep in-roads into the field of education and has amongst his former pupils the Premier of the Western Cape. As much energy as he put into teaching, he put into political activism. He worked with political bodies and civic organisations and in 1946 was involved in the launching of "The Torch", the weekly newspaper published by the Unity Movement. After 1984 he was made a life member of the Teacher's League of South Africa. He was well-known for his vision of "Let us live for the children", and a non-racial approach to "education for democracy", a vision by which he lived throughout his 40 years in the education field.

11. Officer of the Order of the Disa awarded to Colin Eglin

Colin Eglin began his political career as chairman of the Pinelands Civic Association and was elected to the Pinelands town council in 1951. In 1959, he was one of the rebels who issued a declaration on dissent following the United Party congress in Bloemfontein and helped to form the nucleus of the new Progressive Party. He was instrumental in negotiating with the Independent Party and National Democratic Movement to bring together an opposition to the National Party in parliament. This resulted in the formation of the Democratic Party and the dissolution of the Progressive Federal Party.

12. Officer of the Order of the Disa awarded to Professor George Ellis

Known as a strident social activist, Professor Ellis' service to the broad spectrum of social, economic and ethnic groups in South Africa and elsewhere has sparked significant insights into the working of the physical universe. In 2004, the year in which he retires from UCT, he has been awarded the prestigious Templeton Prize for fostering a broader understanding between science and religion, but has decided to donate some of the prize money to various developmental and educational institutions. This exemplifies his theory that self-sacrificing love is the true nature of morality, something which cannot be explained by physics.

13. Officer of the Order of the Disa awarded to Imam Abdullah Haron

When Imam Abdullah Haron was appointed Imam of Al-Jamia Mosque in 1955, he implemented many new ideas. He created discussion groups, introduced brief talks pertaining to Islam and allowed women to participate in the mosques' executive activities. As editor of the Muslim News, he used this opportunity to make the newspaper as representative as possible. The Imam's views were however not only channelled through the paper, but also via his sermons and public lectures where he critically commented on the laws of apartheid. In 1969 he was detained by the Security Branch and was held incommunicado for over four months. That day marked the end of all the activities he had undertaken with such great zeal and enthusiasm. He was tortured and eventually died at the hands of the Security Branch amid claims

that his death was a result of an accident. Imam Haroun was one of the struggle's most respected and admired leaders.

14. Officer of the Order of the Disa awarded to Hassan Howa

Born and educated in Cape Town, Hassan Howa became a strident voice for equality in sports in South Africa. A colourful personality who spoke out against social injustices, he was instrumental in South Africa's expulsion from world sports. Founder member of the South African Cricket board of Control in 1947, Howa used this body to take non-racial cricket on a difficult and rocky road. He pioneered the South African Cricket Board and later on launched the SACOS, promoting transformation, non-racialism and the development of previously disadvantaged communities.

15. Officer of the Order of the Disa awarded to Professor Willie Jonker

As lecturer in theology at the University of Stellenbosch, Willie Jonker paid a heavy price for his view that the church can never be exclusive to only certain people or only one part of the community. Already in the 1960's he experienced rejection by a large part of the church for his views. One of the critical moments in his life came when in 1990 he made a confession in his own name, but also on behalf of the Dutch Reformed Church and the Afrikaner people for all the political, social, economic and structural wrongs that have been inflicted on many South Africans in the past. It was a turning point in history and made a positive contribution to relations between different communities.

16. Officer of the Order of the Disa awarded to Philip Kgosana

As a PAC activist in 1960, Philip Kgosana led 30 000 demonstrators from Langa to Cape Town police headquarters in protest against the Sharpsville killings, which claimed the lives of 69 unarmed people and injuring many. The march led to his arrest and he was tried for incitement and forced into exile while out on bail. In exile he lived in various African countries and worked with UNICEF as a development officer. Mr. Kgosana's courageous leadership and

negotiating skills during this historic march prevented a bloodbath and was an important milestone on the road to democracy in South Africa.

17. Officer of the Order of the Disa awarded to Adv. Bennie Kies

Teacher, principal and lawyer, Ben Kies was a significant influence in the lives of many prominent anti-apartheid activists. The late Dullah Omar claimed his political awareness was formed at the renowned Trafalgar High School in District Six, under the influence of Ben Kies - who was his English master at the time. Always providing cutting political and economic analyses, Ben Kies was a respected intellectual in the fight for human rights, eventually making a critical contribution to the community as an activist lawyer.

18. Officer of the Order of the Disa awarded to Mildred Lesiea

An active member of the United Democratic Front, Mildred Lesiea was part of the National Executive at its formation in 1983. A member of Parliament and both the Mineral and Energy and Housing portfolio committees, she has been involved in community affairs for many years. At present she remains an activist and a trustee of Gugulethu Community and Development Co-operation.

19. Officer of the Order of The Disa awarded to Zora Mehlomakulu

From the 1950s onwards Zora Mehlomakulu worked tirelessly for the Food and Allied Workers Union. As a member of the United Woman's Democratic Organisation she was a committed activist, who received banning orders for her efforts and was detained in 1963. "Phandulwazi", a support structure for previous members and pensioners of the trade unions, was conceived and launched by Mrs Mehlomakulu in Langa, before she passed away in 2002. She will be remembered for her warmth, generosity and above her all her commitment to the freedom and betterment of others.

20. Officer of the Order of the Disa awarded to Sheikh Nazeem Mohamed

Life president of the Muslim Judicial Council, Sheikh Nazeem Mohamed is revered for his efforts to mobilise the Muslim community to rebuild South

Africa after the fall of apartheid and was instrumental in the struggle for a free democracy. He was lauded for his vibrant leadership and guidance during the apartheid era, when many leading Muslim clergymen who opposed the regime were either incarcerated or exiled. Sheikh Mohamed led South African Muslims to unite with other religious groupings, opening up dialogue with Rabbi David Sherman at a time when the government called for separation.

21. Order of the Officer of the Disa awarded to Judge Essa Moosa

Judge Essa Moosa opened his first practice in District Six in 1965 and his firm was first and foremost in carrying out political work during the struggle. When the group areas act came into effect he became deeply involved with the District Six action committee who fought the act. Along with the late Chief Justice Ishmael Mohammed, they represented the District Six community and all its business entities, believing that the act did not uphold the status quo. Judge Moosa came under heavy focus and pressure from the security police at the time and was forced close his practise. Still fighting human rights causes, he re-opened his practice in Athlone. He then continued to fight the struggle, representing banned organisations and struggle activists, from Trevor Manuel, Cheryl Corrolis, Alan Boesak, and the present Premier of the Western Cape, Ebrahim Rasool. As a human rights lawyer, no organisation or individual was turned away. In 1994 he served on the electoral commission, which saw the transition of South Africa into a democracy and was instrumental in preparing the policy for transformation in the legal and judicial system in South Africa.

22. Officer of the Order of the Disa awarded to Oscar Mpetha

As a member of the pioneering generation of black trade unionists that led a fresh resurgence of revolt in the 1930's, Oscar Mpetha believed that trade unionism involved bringing about a democratic government and an equitable and caring society. In the 1970's he was one of the internal leaders who endlessly worked behind the scenes to regenerate the ANC inside the country and in 1985 became the oldest political prisoner. Mr. Mpetha's vigorous

determination and leadership laid the foundations for an open and transparent democracy.

23. Officer of the Order of the Disa awarded to Solwandle Looksmart Ngudle

Born in Cape Town, Solwandle Looksmart Ngudle is recognised as the first detainee to be tortured to death by the Special Branch. Working in the city as a street-seller for Contact, a newspaper which supported the Liberal Party, Ngudle was identified as an activist and detained under the "90 days" Detention Without Trial Act. After seventeen days of torture, he died while in custody in October 1963 - amid claims from the Special Branch that he committed suicide. Ngudle represents the many gallant working class fighters who died at the hands of the racist regime, making the ultimate sacrifice for the struggle.

24. Officer of the Order of the Disa awarded to Jan Rabie

Jan Rabie grew up in Stellenbosch and began his career as a teacher, but later devoted his life to writing. Regarded as one of the most colourful and influential South African authors, his collection of short stories in 1956 signified a turning point in Afrikaans literature. With his passion for Afrikaans, an inclusive approach that reached out to all people and communities, he almost single-handedly changed the course of Afrikaans prose. His integrity and honesty provided guidance and inspiration to many younger generations.

25. Officer of the Order of the Disa awarded to Dr. David Rabkin

David Rabkin was born in Cape Town, but educated in England after the Sharpsville Masacre. In David's own words, spoken in a Cape Town court many years later, he was taught at an early age "to view with compassion those less privileged than himself and to respect the human dignity of all people". As a scholar he gained a doctorate in literature in 1972 on black South African writers. The choice of subject was an indication of his strong feeling for his South African roots, and he returned to Cape Town later that

year to join the Cape Argus as a reporter. He worked in secret to produce and distribute leaflets and other literature for the ANC and Communist Party, a task which required great courage, nerve and practical ability. He was arrested in 1976 and after his release in 1983 he lived in exile in Maputo, working for Umkhonto we Sizwe. David died tragically in Angola whilst training with Umkhonto we Sizwe.

26. Officer of the Order of the Disa awarded to Dr. Richard Rive

Born in District Six, Richard Rive, South African short-story writer and novelist, was an individualist amid the polarities of South African society and owed his early literary success to short stories depicting the brutalisation and humiliation of apartheid society. In an age of Black Consciousness he believed firmly in non-racism; when many writers had been forced into exile, he stayed on in the country, staunchly defending the role of those who remained. His distinguished academic career in South Africa and overseas included a Fulbright Fellowship in 1965 and a research fellowship at Oxford, where he went on to write a doctorate on Olive Schreiner.

27. Officer of the Order of the Disa awarded to Rabbi Dr. David Sherman

The first Rabbi of Cape Town's Jewish Reform Congregation, Rabbi David Sherman was a firm believer in the ethos of pluralism – that people of different ethnic groups and religious persuasions can and must learn to live together in tolerance and understanding. His courageous stand for human rights during apartheid saw him speaking out in protest against these injustices as the Temple Israel doubled as a center for African culture, literacy and poverty alleviation projects. In 1963, Rabbi Sherman, together with Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Sheikh Nazeem Mohamed led an interfaith protest against the government's practice of detention without trial. He was a courageous supporter of human rights throughout his 57 year career.

28. Officer of the Order of the Disa awarded to Mark Shuttleworth

After his first company became the fastest-growing Internet Certificate Authority outside of the US, Mark Shuttleworth gained worldwide acclaim as the First African in Space. Today he is an inspiration to anyone who believes dreams can become a reality. Now following a quest to improve the quality and reach of education in Africa, he has created the Shuttleworth Foundation - a non-profit organisation that funds innovative projects. His Hip 2BSquare pro-education campaign has also been pivotal in changing the mindset of learning amongst young South Africans.

29. Officer of the Order of the Disa awarded to Annie Silinga

As an ANC activist in the 1950's Annie Silinga was a symbol of women's resistance to pass law controls. An energetic campaigner for both local and national issues, she was elected to the Executive Committee of the Federation of South African Women when the organisation was founded in 1954. The following year she was arrested for refusing to comply with the pass regulations and in 1956 after a series of appeals was banished back to Transkei. In 1956 she was the only African woman from the Western Cape to be arrested for treason and was elected President of the ANC Women's League following her release.

30. Officer of the order of the Disa awarded to Prof. Adam Small

One of South Africa's foremost poets and philosophers, Adam Small provided a voice to the struggle of the coloured people during the apartheid years. His career suffered at the hands of the system, but he never wavered from his chosen course. With prose that echoed the rich sounds of the Cape Flats, he spread the message of love, compassion and understanding to all the people of South Africa. Regarded as one of South Africa's leading intellectuals, Adam Small is currently a professor of English literature at the University of the Western Cape.

31. Officer of the Order of the Disa awarded to Christmas Tinto

From an early age Christmas Tinto found himself swept into a current of protest and revolt. In 1951 he joined the Langa branch of the ANC and was

later elected Chief Volunteer. Mr. Tinto was one of the 30 000 demonstrators who marched from Langa to Cape Town in 1960 and was detained in Pollsmoor Prison and Robben Island during the 1976 uprising. After his release he became vice-president of the United Democratic Front for the Western Cape and played a key role in various UDF campaigns. He was also one of the first Western Cape members of the Senate from 1994-1996.

32. Member of the Order of the Disa awarded to Zackie Achmat

Zackie Achmat is widely known as founder and chairman of the Treatment Action Campaign, which has become the most well-known and successful AIDS activist group in South Africa. Focussing initially on access to medicine for those who could not afford private health care, TAC has broadened its outlook to improving all aspects of health-care provision, particularly with the implementation of an anti-retroviral program in the public health sector. The TAC's notoriety and success is in no small part due to the dynamism of Achmat. He continues to fight for the needs of people suffering from Aids.

33. Member of the Order of the Disa awarded to Imam Manie Bassier

Imam Bassier was born in Port Elizabeth in 1923 and moved to Cape Town as a child with his family. Bassier took over as Imam of Boorhaanul Islam Mosque from his father Abdul Bassier in 1962 and stayed in the position for 42 years. Imam Bassier served as chairman of the National Prison Board, was life member of the Boorhaanul Movement and a member of the Muslim Judicial Council, among others. He made frequent visits to Robben Island where he ministered to prisoners, offering them hope and faith during the apartheid years. Imam Bassier passed away in July, and is honoured tonight for his pious dedication to those in need, and his commitment to the youth of his community.

34. Member of the Order of the Disa awarded to Mary Burton

When Mary Burton came to South Africa from Brazil in 1961, she wanted to do something that would bring about change. It was then that she became involved in the Black Sash, a group of women that fought for the abolition of

apartheid. Since they were mainly middle class white women, their presence at demonstrations often acted as a buffer. Despite resistance, the Black Sash actively fought on and their tireless commitment to their beliefs made them successful. Mary Burton was chosen as one of just seventeen South Africans to sit on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and is regarded as an inspiration to many.

35. Officer of the Order of the Disa awarded to Basil Coetzee

Born in District Six, the late Basil Coetzee or “Ou B”, was instrumental in the ‘revival’ of cultural music and expression, revitalizing a voice which had been repressed by apartheid censorship. In a life that was intertwined with the struggle, Basil Coetzee started out playing the penny whistle and eventually joined the Dollar Brand trio on saxophone. His composition, Manenberg, became an all-time South African jazz classic. After many musicians departed into exile, Coetzee remained in South Africa, frequently performing at political meetings and rallies. In those repressive times, the beauty and pain of Basil Coetzee's melodies offered sustenance to an embattled audience.

36. Officer of the Order of the Disa awarded to Archbishop Emeritus Joost de Blank

One of the heroic churchmen of the struggle, Joost de Blank was so outspoken in opposition to government policy, he was described as “the scourge of apartheid.” He later used this as a title for his autobiography, one of several books he wrote to highlight the inherent immorality of the system. Appointed Archbishop of Cape Town from 1957 to 1963, he fought long and hard to abolish the inequalities of apartheid. Together with other famous cleric campaigners, including Bishop Trevor Huddleston and Bishop Ambrose Reeves, Joost de Blank is deserving of recognition for his contribution to the struggle for human rights.

37. Member of the Order of the Disa awarded to Cissie Gool

Daughter of Dr Abdullah Abdurahman, Cissie Gool founded the National Liberation League and became its first president in 1936. From 1938 to 1951,

Cissie represented District Six on the City Council and for several years was the only woman serving on the City Council. During the 1940s she became president of the Non-European Front, becoming more active in a campaign to start Passive resistance. In 1962, Cissie received an LLB degree from the University of Cape Town and was admitted as an advocate to the Supreme Court. Ms Gool passed away in 1963, and is honoured posthumously for her strength, and will to break through racial and sexist stereotypes.

38. Member to the Order of the Disa awarded to Archbishop Lawrence Henry

Born in Athlone, Cape Town in 1934, Archbishop Henry was schooled at both St. Raphael's Convent in Athlone and Immaculata Convent in Wynberg where after he studied seminary studies in Rome. Being ordained in Rome in 1962, he went on to become Auxiliary Bishop of Cape Town in 1987, and installed as the Catholic Archbishop of Cape Town on 29 August, 1990.

39. Officer of the Order of the Disa awarded to Robbie Jansen

Having recently celebrated 30 years in the music business, Robbie Jansen is regarded one of the Cape's most accomplished musicians. A virtuoso on the alto saxophone and flute, he is also a respected composer and arranger; establishing a style which has become internationally known as Cape Jazz. Starting out in the mid-1970's with Pacific Express and Dollar Brand, Robbie worked tirelessly throughout the turbulent eighties, with old partner Basil "Manenberg" Coetzee and Sabenza. Their performances at various grassroots political and cultural events across the country, undoubtedly cemented the central role of culture in the anti-apartheid struggle.

40. Member of the Order of the Disa awarded to David Kramer

A respected songwriter and director, David Kramer's ground-breaking work in South African musical theatre has focused primarily on the disadvantaged communities of the Cape. The thrust of the five musicals he has written together with Taliep Petersen, retells a suppressed history of the coloured people. When he released his first album in 1980 it was banned by the SABC as it was considered too political for the South African ear. Despite initial

setbacks, he went on to be awarded ten gold and one platinum records for sales of his albums.

41. Member of the Order of the Disa awarded to Dr. Kwesi Madikiza

After graduating as a medical doctor from the University of the Witwatersrand, Kwezi Madikiza set up his first practice in Libode in the Eastern Cape and then in Kensington on the Cape Flats and finally opened three surgeries in Gugulethu, Langa and Nyanga, practising medicine in the poorest areas, in conditions of extreme poverty and a total lack of infrastructure. This was no mean feat and for many years he was the only black medical doctor in Cape Town. In 1989 he handed over his practice to his daughter Funeka, before retiring in 1993.

42. Officer of the Order of the Disa awarded to Zollie Malindi

A stalwart anti-apartheid activist in the sixties, Mr Zollie Malindi was the leader of the Garage Workers' Union. He received a banning order against him for nearly ten years, costing him his job in the Cape Town magisterial district. He was constantly harassed by the police and spent many years in jail for his actions in the fight against suppression in the work place. He campaigned tirelessly into the eighties along with other well known activists, including Trevor Manuel, Cheryl Carolus and Allan Boesak. Tribute is paid to Sollie Malindi, a dedicated member of the workers' movement who sacrificed so much in the struggle for freedom in South Africa.

43. Officer of the Order of the Disa awarded to Winston Mankunku

"Mankunku" is a name which evokes powerful images for music lovers all over southern Africa. Legendary tenor saxophone player, Walter Mankunku is regarded as one of South Africa's most respected jazz composers. While many jazz musicians of his generation left the country, "Mankunku" chose to remain in his native Cape Town, regarding his relationship with his home audience to be of paramount importance. Despite being hindered by apartheid legislation, he became a hallmark of spiritual integrity in South

African music, producing one of the biggest selling jazz albums of all time. He also received the Castle Lager "Jazz Musician of the Year" Award.

44. Officer of the Order of the Disa awarded to Reverend Sikolakhe Marawu

Known for his work as a labour organiser, Reverend Marawu made a lasting impression on the ordinary working people during the struggle. Ordained as an African Reformed Church minister at the late age of 50, Reverend Marawu often travelled across the country to officiate at the funerals of apartheid victims. He was detained on many occasions and imprisoned on Robben Island for furthering the aims of the ANC. Always popular with the workers, he joined the General Workers Union in 1978 and began organising dock workers in Port Elizabeth, Cape Town and Durban. His spirit and devotion to the people will always be remembered.

45. Member of the Order of the Disa awarded to Dorothy Mfaco

Dorothy moved to Cape Town from the Transkei in 1957 and settled in District Six with her aunt. She managed to find a job in a Salvation Army maternity hospital, but as a result of being moved from District Six to Gugulethu had to become a domestic worker. In 1985 she became the Chairperson of the United Women's Organisation, and a year later was detained after she was apprehended while trying to organise a women's conference. She was held in solitary confinement at the Ravensmead police station from where she was released in 1987. Despite her detention Dorothy has overcome all the odds to mark her place in South African history.

46. Member of the Order of the Disa awarded to Maxwell Moss

ANC West Coast leader Maxwell Moss is honoured for his perseverance and personal dedication to improving the lives of the people of our province. His fieldwork on behalf of the West Coast Council of churches, his work with NUMSA and his support of 500 dismissed fisheries workers and his imprisonment in Pollsmoor for political activism tell the story of a tireless dedication and selflessness. In 1993 during the course of his duties as an ANC elections organiser, Mr Moss endured a serious car accident, which left

him paralysed, and wheel chair bound. Mr Moss continues to serve the community as a member of parliament serving the constituents of the west coast.

47. Member of the Order of the Disa awarded to Margaret Nash

Theologian, educator and human rights activist, Margaret Nash's fiery spirit of courage and determination is respected and admired by many. She was a member of the Anglican Church and received her doctorate in theology. On joining the Liberal Party, she travelled throughout Africa, an experience that opened her eyes to the poverty and hardship that lay hidden there. She spent some time in England teaching at the poorer community schools and was always involved in day to day problems of the less fortunate. On her return to South Africa she joined the ANC and was an active and formidable member of the Black Sash. She took a stand at a time when families were being evicted from the Modderdam Squatter Camps and always fought for what she believed in with great passion and conviction.

48. Member of the Order of the Disa awarded Madoda Ntilashe

Teacher, leader and freedom fighter - Madoda Ntilashe - served his community as head of the History department at Fezeka High in Gugulethu from the mid-1990's. Through the dedication of teachers such as Ntilashe, Fezeka High has become model of discipline and academic performance. Often beaten and detained by police during the struggle, Madoda Ntilashe died in 2003 at the age of 39, after two bullets struck him as he was driving his car through Hazeldene in 2003. He is honoured and remembered tonight for the levels of excellence he encouraged in his pupils, commitment to multi-lingual learning and sincere efforts in liberating the minds of the oppressed.

49. Member of the Order of the Disa awarded to Reggie Olifant

Former African National Congress Member of Parliament, Reggie Olifant was jailed several times in pre-democratic South Africa and became a prominent figure in the ANC in the Southern Cape during the late '80s and early '90s. His contributions to the struggle include starting the Oudtshoorn community newspaper - Saamstaan. Mr Olifant was tragically killed in a hijacking last year - and is honoured tonight for his daily commitment to fighting the struggle.

50. Member of the Order of the Disa awarded to Taliep Petersen

One of South Africa's most invaluable artistic treasures, Taliep Petersen is firmly committed to the empowerment of his people and unselfishly shares his skills and resources with the disadvantaged and undeveloped community in which he works. Together with David Kramer, he wrote District Six, one of the greatest musicals to emanate from our shores and the first show to rewrite the history books of our country. Taliep's clearly defined system of values has been determined by experience in a world where equality, justice and freedom were once upon a time elusive ideals on the horizon of hope and faith.

51. Member of the Order of the Disa awarded to Vincent Qunta

Vincent Qunta was the founding Head teacher of Langa High School when it opened, and was the first African to run a Secondary School in the Western Cape in 1937. A then holder of the SA Teachers' Diploma from Fort Hare, Qunta chose to run a home-based business (Magwinya and Ginger Beer). When the community from Ndabeni settled in Langa and was appealing to the missionaries for a High school, the University of Fort Hare recommended him. Mr. Qunta is remembered tonight for his courage and tenacity in blazing a trail for equal rights education.

52. Member of the Order of the Disa awarded to Dr. Hannah-Reeve Sanders

In 1976 Dr. Hannah-Reeve Sanders became the first woman doctor in South Africa to be appointed Chief Medical Superintendent and Chief Executive of a provincial hospital, a post she held at Groote Schuur Hospital until 1986. She

was awarded the Salus Silver Medal for Outstanding Services in Health Care in South Africa by the Department of National Health and Population Development for the role she has played in the public health system in the Western Cape for the past half century.

53. Member of the Order of the Disa awarded to Victor Ritchie

Victor Ritchie began teaching at Harold Cressy High School in 1952 and at the age of 33 took over the principal ship. As the first school for people of colour in the Western Cape, Harold Cressy, under the phenomenal leadership and guidance of Mr. Ritchie, produced such alumni's as Trevor Manuel. Suspended in 1985 during the schools boycott, he was re-instated in 1986, where he continued to serve the school until his retirement in 1990. Mr Ritchie committed 33 years of service to the school, without one day's absence. In his retirement he began a Maths school in Hanover Park, which assisted over 600 underprivileged learners to gain their matric. Under Victor Ritchie's inspiring leadership, Harold Cressy went on to produce pioneers of industry and politics – leaders of our nation.

54. Officer to the Order of the Disa awarded to Dr. Anton Rupert

From humble beginnings as a chemistry lecturer, Dr. Anton Rupert built the tobacco and industrial conglomerate Rembrandt. He has also played an important role in the South African Small Business Development Corporation, a non-profit company whose loans to small and medium-sized businesses have created nearly half a million jobs since 1981. Dr. Rupert is also a founding member of the World Wildlife Fund and it was in his role as the president of the organisation's South African branch that he took a lead in the creation of trans-frontier conservation areas known as "peace parks".

55. Member of the Order of the Disa awarded to Amy Thornton

Amy Thornton has been motivated all her life by an absolute outrage at injustice. In 1948, then 16, she took part in her first act of defiance, putting up anti-National Party posters in Stellenbosch. Over the decades that followed Amy was active in the Communist Party, the Modern Youth Society and the

Congress of Democrats, campaigning vigorously against racism, fascism and economic exploitation. In 1955, she headed for the Congress of the people but was arrested en route. She was banned in 1959, for 14 years and again banned in 1989. She was a UDF patron, actively participating in mass campaigns and did valuable work in advice offices on the Cape Flats. She has four children, the youngest of whom was detained in 1986.

56. Member of the Order of the Disa awarded to Ernst van Dyk

Born with a congenital birth defect, Ernst van Dyk's parents were told that he would suffer from a lack of quality of life, but by the age of 17, he had already won national colours for swimming. A pivotal point in Ernst's career came at the 1992 Barcelona Olympics when he finished fifth place in the pool and reached the semi-finals in the wheelchair events. He has since won the Boston Marathon three times and became the first ever disabled person to graduate with a degree in Sports Science from Stellenbosch University.

57. Member of the Order of the Disa awarded to Father Basil van Rensburg

Born in Cape Town, Father van Rensburg entered the priesthood and became parish priest in District Six at the time when the coloured community was being torn apart by the Group Areas Act removals. He openly and vehemently made his criticisms known and alerted the world to this senseless destruction when he drew international attention by embarking on a hunger strike. As parish priest of St. Gabriel's in Gugulethu in the mid 1980's, he worked on a range of social programmes including AIDS education. His determination to expose these cruelties set an example to many white South Africans.