



University of the Western Cape

Universiteit van Wes-Kaapland

Bishops court
CLAREMONT
Cape, 7700
South Africa
Telex: (6551) 524320
Fax: (021) 714193
Telephone: (021) 712531

Bishops court
CLAREMONT
Kaap, 7700
Suid-Afrika
Telex: (6551) 524320
Faks: (021) 714193
Telefoon: (021) 712531

Office of the Chancellor
Kantoor van Kanselier

13 August 1996

Mr Fred Hall
President
Board of Curators
University of Missouri
COLUMBIA, MISSOURI
United States of America

Mr G Thomas
Chairperson of Council
University of the Western Cape
BELLVILLE 7530
South Africa

Dear Sirs

When in 1986 your institutions had the courage and foresight to forge institutional links amidst the turmoil of apartheid South Africa and the directives of the cultural and academic boycott, we supported your initiatives and gave it our blessing. Today, ten years later, we look back with you on a well-established and mutually fruitful union. We join with you in celebration of this anniversary and warmly congratulate you on its success.

In 1986 the University of the Western Cape was already committed to democratic practice on campus and in alignment with democratic and progressive forces both within and outside South Africa. The University of Missouri had responded creatively and courageously to calls from students and faculty members to address the South African issue. Linking your institutions then meant favourable judgement by each other of your mutual appreciation of and support for the alignment and stand on apartheid respectively, and expressing faith in the favourable outcome of mutual enrichment.

Together your two universities have established a programme that is worthy of emulation in its development of mutual understanding and institutional collaboration in teaching, research and service to the community. We trust that this relationship will grow to even greater heights and be sustained by the dedication of those who are willing to be co-workers with the Creator.

God bless you
Yours sincerely

The Most Revd D M Tutu (Archbishop Emeritus)