

Statement from the Anglican Archbishop of Cape Town, Thabo Makgoba, on the death of Sheena Duncan

On behalf of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa, I offer my heartfelt condolences to the family of Sheena Duncan, as I thank God for the gift of her remarkable life.

The Psalmist wrote, *Who rises up for me against the wicked? Who stands up for me against the evildoers?* (Ps 94:16) We are grateful that Sheena dared to take that stand on behalf of so many in this country who were oppressed. A voice for the voiceless, her readiness to speak up, no matter what, made an exceptional contribution to the life of our nation. Not only was she a fierce campaigner of human rights and the reign of God, she was a dedicated member of our church and the first lay canon in the diocese of Johannesburg. A clear thinker and a woman of integrity and strength, she will long be remembered by all who benefitted from her courage.

May the comfort and strength of the eternal God, who is love, surround you as you celebrate her life and mourn her passing.

++Thabo Cape Town