

Talk Outline

Marginalisation and classification of people from all walks of life have become commonplace, a norm and a code of living. Issues like the unfair distribution of wealth, extreme economic and social differences plus the demonization of the poor who are being viewed as irresponsible and unwilling to work occupy not only a large portion of my mind but also my daily activities in the workplace and outside of it.

My experience has led me to the opinion that leaders in this age need to be more vigilant and self-sacrificial. It is my belief that to focus on the experiences of people within the context of daily living and survival can shape any person in becoming an understanding servant to society.

Speaker Profile

Richard Fransen is an indigenous citizen of Prince Albert who is involved in the daily tasks of cooperative government. He works at the Prince Albert Municipality as the executive secretary in the Office of the Municipal Manager, where he has a unique view of both the workings of the state and the challenges and mind-set of the public.

Richard is passionate about cultural history, the alleviation of poverty and elevation of the youth. He is involved in many programmes and committees concerned with the enhancement of human development and the reconstruction of the community.

Richard is Inspired by scripture and the functionality of the South African societal construction as well as that of the typical small towns wherein he bases his day to day work - trying to engage with the world through the perspective of the *least of them*.



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