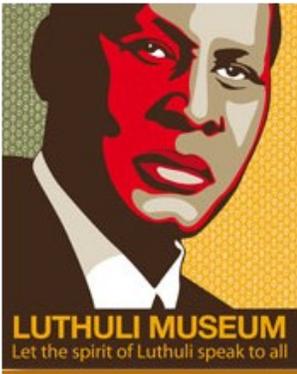


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Dear Alumni and friends,

Tour of the Albert Luthuli Museum at Groutville



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Situated in the township of Groutville, near KwaDukuza, it is fitting that today Chief Albert Luthuli's original 1927 home stands as a national monument. Visitors can walk through the rooms where top ANC leaders like Nelson Mandela spent the night, see the exhibition on the life of Chief Albert Luthuli, Africa's first Nobel Peace Laureate or sit on the bench where he met with former United States senator Robert Kennedy in 1966. The Museum is set in lovely landscaped gardens and in a safe and secure environment.

Opened in August 2004 by former president Thabo Mbeki, the Luthuli Museum is different from others in South Africa. Its opening attracted an audience of about fifteen thousand people, who gathered in KwaDukuza paying tribute to the Chief who urged South Africans as early as the late 1950's, to set an example for the world. The museum dismisses the notion of museums being boring places to view dusty old pieces of paper and old objects in glass cases but rather supports the thinking that this is a living museum reflecting the values of non-racialism, democracy and human rights of a man clearly ahead of his time.

Visitors to the museum can view a comprehensive and informative exhibition on Chief Luthuli's life. The Interpretative Centre hosts regular temporary exhibitions, as well as various educational programmes and documentary screenings. Archival material is available to researchers.

Join us for what promises to be a most inspiring and informative tour of one of the country's legacy museums.

DATE : Saturday, 1 December 2018
TIME : 10h00 to 12h00
VENUE: 3233 Nokukhanya Luthuli Street, Groutville, 4450
COST : Nil
RSVP : Places are very limited, early bookings are advised to Nomcebo Msweli on 031 260 2016 or email: mswelin@ukzn.ac.za

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Background

Who was Chief Albert Luthuli?

The longest serving ANC president from 1952-1967

Africa's first Nobel Peace Laureate for the year 1960

A passionate soccer administrator

A democratically elected chief

A teacher and a Christian

A visionary and a thinker

Chief Albert Luthuli was born at a Seventh Day Adventist mission in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe in 1898 to John Bunyan and Mtonya Luthuli. His father died shortly after his birth and his mother decided to return to her ancestral home in Groutville. After completing his schooling he went on to train as a teacher at a college in Edendale Township, near Pietermaritzburg. He also trained at Adams College and on completion of his studies became part of the staff teaching isiZulu and Music. Later on he was offered a bursary to study at Fort Hare University but turned this down because of family commitments.

In 1927 he married Nokukhanya Bhengu, a granddaughter of a Zulu chief Dhlokolo of the Ngcolosi tribe and they had seven children. He took up the position of chief in 1936 having been democratically chosen by the Groutville community - something quite unheard of at the time as traditionally chiefs took up their role by birthright.

One of the qualities that set Chief Albert Luthuli apart from other leaders was his progressive attitude toward women. Far from excluding them from discussion, as was done in the past, Chief Albert Luthuli was one of the first to allow them to attend community meetings and sought their counsel on issues affecting everyone.

Chief Albert Luthuli predicted that South Africa, with all its cultural diversities would emerge to show the world a new democracy. The museum honours the life of an exceptional leader who spent most of his time in the service of humanity, and in the fight for human rights and dignity.

Directions to Luthuli Museum

Travelling north on N2 from Durban

Immediately after exiting the Mvoti Toll Plaza take exit 226/Groutville off ramp

At stop sign, turn left and travel along road for about 6 kms

At the T-Junction, turn right onto R102

Travel about two kilometres and take the first exit left into Nokukhanya Luthuli Street

The Luthuli Museum is situated about 100 m up the road on the left hand side