

# **SOUTH AFRICAN MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT TO LECTURE**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 7:00 PM**

**Sanctuary  
First Presbyterian Church of Annapolis  
Duke of Gloucester Street at Conduit Street  
Annapolis MD 21401**



**THE HONORABLE WILMA NEWHOUDT-DRUCHEN**, a Gallaudet alumna who in 1999 became the first deaf person to be elected to the South African Parliament, will present a public lecture in the Sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church on October 15.

Wilma Newhoudt-Druchen earned a bachelor's degree in social work from Gallaudet in 1992 and a master of social work degree from the University in 2005. Returning to South Africa in 1994, she put her social work and leadership skills to work for a local organization, Deaf Community of Cape Town. She was later hired as provincial director of the Deaf Federation of South Africa, where she went on to serve as national chair and president for 8 years. In 1999, she was elected to the South African Parliament on the nomination of the organization Disabled People of South Africa. During

her tenure as a member of Parliament, she has chaired the body's Joint Monitoring Committee on the Improvement of Quality of Life and Status of Children, Youth, and Disabled Persons.

Wilma is the second daughter of Willie and Margaret Newhoudt. Willie is an elder with the Uniting Reformed Church and a leader in the community organization New World Foundation that works within the poor outside of Cape Town, South African. The New World Foundation and the Uniting Reformed Church have long ties with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

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