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A. Research themes and Partnerships

1. IRTI, Free University, Amsterdam and Mkar University, Nigeria

This trilateral partnership between the Free University, Amsterdam (IRTI), Mkar University, Nigeria and Stellenbosch University, South Africa (Beyers Naudé Centre) exists since 2007.

A publication is currently being prepared on the results of this collaboration over the past four years.

The next meeting will take place on 28 and 29 November 2011 in Brussels and will be attended by proff Nico Koopman and Dirkie Smit.

2. Evangelical Academies: Arnoldshain & Bad Boll, Germany

This informal partnership with the Evangelical Academies focuses on the overhead theme of *Gender Equality*.

A conference was presented in October 2010 on the theme: *The Impact of the Soccer World Cup on Development in SA*. Prof Nico Koopman and dr Clint Le Bruyns presented papers at the conference and was accompanied by prof Julie Claassens and dr Leslie van Rooi.

Future collaboration will be determined by ongoing interest from the parties and the availability of ad hoc funds.

3. ICCO/Kerk in Actie

3.1 SKLAS conference in the Southern Regional Synod:

The SKLAS conference in the southern region took place from 1 to 3 March on the theme of *Reformed Congregations and Globalization*, within the framework of our cherished collaboration on the broader theme of Congregations and Public Life, and was organized in partnership with the Synodical Commission of Doctrinal and Current Affairs of the Cape Synod of the Uniting Reformed Church in Southern Africa (URCSA). This annual conference was postponed from November 2010 to March 2011 to enable more church leaders to take part in the conference.

Over the past years we had focused on themes like *congregations and economic justice*, *congregations and reconciliation*, *congregations and public morality* and *congregations and violence*. ICCO/Kerk in Actie gave us the opportunity to focus this year twice on the theme of Reformed Congregations and Globalisation. The second conference on the theme of Reformed Congregations and Globalisation took place in September in Pretoria.

The southern conference on Reformed Congregations and Globalisation took place in the tranquil surroundings of Mizpah Conference Centre near Grabouw on 1 to 3 March 2011. The event saw the involvement of the United Ministry for Service and Witness (UMSW) of the Dutch Reformed Church family. 65 people attended the conference and the feedback was extremely positive. Approximately thirty other senior theology students and other church leaders attended parts of the conference.

Speakers were Prof Nico Koopman who spoke on *Church, Public Life and Globalisation – a Reformed perspective*, rev Averell Rust (*The Accra Confession: Origins and Contents – a historical overview*), dr Allan Boesak (*The URCSA-ERK Project on Globalisation*), dr Henry Platt and rev Andries Hoffman who lead a working session on *Preaching in the context of Globalisation*, and revs Reggie Nel and Willie van der Merwe who did the same on *Worship and Liturgy in the Context of Globalisation*. A panel discussion saw papers being read by ms Anlené Taljaard (*Holy Communion and Globalisation*) and prof Rothney Tshaka (*Baptism and Globalisation*). Prof Dirkie Smit led the conference in a liturgical exercise in which the Accra Declaration was utilized thereby demonstrating its suitability for being incorporated in worship.

At the above conference mention was made of the need to start discussions on economic policy that would address the economic injustices inherited from South Africa's colonial and apartheid past and would speak to the specific needs of the country. Participants in the discussion held the opinion that the churches and the BNC could become vehicles to drive such discussions, and to start a research group comprising inter alia economists, theologians and politicians that will report to the relevant church structures on a continuous basis.

This conference enhanced the aim of the Congregations and Public Life collaboration of the BNC and Global Ministries, namely to impact constructively on the thinking and ministry of participants in the conferences regarding the relevant themes. These leaders constructively influence the thinking, behavior and practices of thousands of people both within and outside churches.

It was indeed wonderful that through the support of Global Ministries participants could receive documentation that would assist them in their concrete ministries.

3.2 SKLAS conference in the Northern Regional Synod:

The General Executive of the Uniting Reformed Church in Southern Africa (URCSA) requested that the Beyers Naudé Centre (BNC) organise a second conference on the theme of congregations and globalisation in the northern parts of the country.

This conference became a reality after ICCO/Kerk in Actie agreed to re-allocate funding that was earmarked for a conference on democracy, to the theme of globalisation. This has been the first time during our collaboration with ICCO/Kerk in Actie that we focused on the same theme at two successive conferences. The growing importance of the theme of globalisation, the specific request of the URCSA Executive that as many parts of the church as possible discuss this theme, and the fact that by addressing globalisation we do attend to a wide spectrum of burning public issues in our context, served as motivation to focus a second time on the theme of globalisation.

The northern conference on Reformed Congregations and globalisation took place at the Mamelodi Conference Centre in Pretoria on 1 to 2 September 2011. The United Ministry for Service and Witness (UMSW) of the Dutch Reformed Church family, as well as the Commission of Doctrine and Current Affairs of URCSA had again been involved in preparing the content for the programme. Invitations have been sent by the office of the Chief Executive administrator of the URCSA Northern Synod, Mr Tebogo Phatudi.

60 people attended the conference for the two days. This included representatives of each presbytery in the Northern and Southern synods, as well as the two moderatures of the two regional synods, and one representative of the women, youth and *mannebond* of each of the two regional synods. Members of the general synodical executive of URCSA also attended the conference and feedback was again extremely positive.

Speakers were ms Anlené Taljaard who spoke on *Church, Public Life and Globalisation – a Reformed perspective*, prof Nico Botha on *Empire and Globalisation*, prof Thias Kgatla on *African Culture and Globalisation*, rev Averell Rust (*The URCSA-ERK Project on Globalisation*), and revs Andries Hoffman, Reggie Nel and Victor Pillay who lead a working session on *Preaching, Worship and Liturgy in the Context of Globalisation*. Prof Nico Koopman read a paper on *Sacraments and Globalisation*.

It was again wonderful that through the support of ICCO/Kerk in Actie participants could receive documentation that would assist them in their concrete ministries. An extensive reader of more than 800 pages has been distributed to all participants.

This was indeed another very successful conference in the collaboration of the BNC, the Uniting Reformed Church, and ICCO/Kerk in Actie.

In future we plan to give a measure of the impact of our conferences, lectures and publications on local congregations.

Prof Nico Koopman paid a visit to the offices of ICCO/Kerk in Actie in Utrecht on 1 November 2011 to report on the progress of the project.

4. ERK and URCSA

This interdisciplinary project, mandated by the Uniting Reformed Church in Southern Africa (URCSA) and the Evangelisch Reformierte Kirche (ERK) in Germany, investigated the impact of global political, economic, social and cultural arrangements and systems on human beings and the natural environment in all parts of the globe.

As facilitators of this project, the BNC worked with researchers from Germany and South Africa, seeking input from theologians, sociologists, economists, lawyers and political scientists (to name a few), to find insights into the topics of globalisation and globalism. The intention behind the project was for these research insights to lead to tangible change in dealing with global crises and to bring religion back into the fold, thereby creating human dignity through faith.

This project has been successfully completed and the results of the project have been disseminated at the two SKLAS conferences in March and September.

On 25 September 2011 Prof Nico Koopman handed over a complete set of all the books that were published in the project to the GSC of URCSA.

5. South-South collaboration: BNC and Sao Leopoldo Theological Seminary, Brazil

The Brazilian Research Council is sponsoring this project that focuses on responsible citizenship in post-liberation contexts with an emphasis on HIV/aids, family and youth as well. The International Office of Stellenbosch University assists in sponsoring one flight ticket per annum.

A conference took place in Sao Leopoldo on 5 to 9 September 2011. Participants were proff Rothney Tshaka (UNISA) and Nico Koopman, rev Nel (UNISA) and dr Anita Cloete.

The next conference is scheduled to take place in SA from 19 to 20 March 2012 in Stellenbosch, and from 22 to 23 March 2012 at UNISA in Pretoria. The theme of the conference will be *Citizenship in Post-liberation Contexts*. Proff Nico Koopman, Dirk Smit, Rothney Tshaka, dr Anita Cloete and rev Reggie Nel are the South-African partners of the team.

Dr Vuyani Vellem, new director of the Centre for Public Theology at Pretoria University, dr Clint Le Bruyns (Kwa-Zulu Natal), me Anlené Taljaard (Free State University), dr Willem Fourie (Pretoria University) and dr Noah Tenai (Cornerstone College) has been invited to consider participation in future conferences. The aim is to involve alumni of Stellenbosch in some of our partnerships.

6. Circle of Concerned African Women Theologians

The Circle is a community of African women theologians who come together to reflect on what it means to them to be women of faith within their experiences of religion, culture, politics and social-economic structures in Africa.

The Circle seeks to build the capacity of African women to contribute their critical thinking and analysis to advance current knowledge using a theoretical framework based on theology, religion and culture. It empowers African women to actively work for social justice in their communities and reflect on their actions in their publications.

The Stellenbosch chapter (organised by prof Julie Claassens) seeks to draw female (and males who share in the Circle's objectives) pastors, scholars and students in the area to work collaboratively on a writing project regarding the promotion of gender justice in our church and society.

The first project of the Stellenbosch chapter is a collaborative writing project with the UWC chapter (organised by dr Miranda Pillay). A project has been identified on gender representations in popular culture, i.e. how women and men are depicted in the media, movies, literature, advertising and how these representations can and ought to be challenged. The contributions also consider how these representations may be employed to challenge gender stereotypes or raise awareness of e.g. the problem of gender violence in our society. The planned publication is currently in a peer review process.

The Circle had the following meetings:

- **8 February 2011:** Planning of conference and writing project
- **30 March 2011:** Day conference: *Gender, Popular Culture and Religion*
- **5 May 2011:** Writing project: *Contributions by Christelle Bekker & Stella Viljoen*
- **23 May 2011:** Writing project: *Contributions by Marthie Momberg & Francine Becker*
- **13 June 2011:** Writing project: *Contributions by Carla Ferreira & Julie Claassens*
- **27 June 2011:** Writing project: *Contributions by Funlola Olojede & Nadia Marais*
- **3 August 2011:** Teaching Gender in Africa: *Ms Chimwemwe Harawa Katumbi & Rev Gertrude Kapuma (Malawi)*

7. Moluks Theologisch Beraad

The Moluks Theologisch Beraad hosted a conference from 20 to 22 October 2010 on the theme: *Religion and society-building in pluralistic contexts.*

The following persons from Stellenbosch delivered papers: prof Nico Koopman (*What is the Role of Religious Organisations in the Process of Nation Building after Apartheid?*), prof Bernard Lategan (*Developing Common Values in Situations of Religious Diversity*), dr Xolile Simon (*Religious Conflict or Poverty and Healing? Grounding 'Grass-root' Religious Discourse in Sub-Sahara Africa today*) and dr Robert Vosloo (*Difficult Forgiveness*). Other participants were proff Kallie August, Julie Claassens, Dirkie Smit, drs Gerrit Brand, Clint Le Bruyns, Mary-Anne Plaatjies-van Huffel and ms Anlené Taljaard.

The planned 2011 conference meeting between the Moluks Theologisch Beraad, the Free University and BNC was cancelled due to practicality reasons with hosting a conference in the distant Ambong.

We are currently involved in discussions to determine a possible date for the conference in 2012.

8. Global Network for Public Theology

The meeting of the Global Network for Public Theology (GNPT) is a triennial event and was hosted in Canberra and Sidney from 1 to 5 September 2010. The theme of the conference was *Public Theology: Exploring the Parameters*. The conference was attended by ms Anlené Taljaard and dr Clint Le Bruyns.

In April 2011 proff Julie Claasens and Robert Vosloo travelled to the Charles Stuart University, Canberra and met with Prof James Haire and other colleagues of the Global Network. Prof Claasens presented a paper, *Teach To Your Daughters a Dirge:” The Image of the Wailing Woman (Jer 9:17-20) and the Task of the Feminist Biblical Theologian in South Africa Today*, in a session shared with Prof Robert Vosloo. His paper was on *Forgiveness and Reconciliation in Public Discourse in South Africa: 15 years after the TRC*. These papers complemented each other well and led to an interesting conversation about justice and reconciliation in South Africa today.

Colleagues of the GNPT participated also in a conference in Bamberg from 23 to 25 June 2011 on the theme: *Contextuality and Intercontextuality in Public Theology*. Proff Nico Koopman and Dirkie Smit presented papers at this conference.

B. Public lectures

- **21 September 2010:** Prof Notger Slenczka, chair for Systematic Theology at the Humboldt University of Berlin on the theme *Religious Commitment in the Face of Religious Pluralism*.
- **2 March 2011:** Prof Will Storrar, director of the Center of Theological Inquiry in Princeton, USA on the theme: *A Scot’s Confession: Doing Public Theology in the Reformed Tradition*.
- **17 March 2011:** Prof Tony Clark from the Friends University in Kansas, USA on the theme: *Is there a Place for Christian Accounts of Forgiveness in the Public Square?*
- **27 July 2011:** Prof Geoffrey Wainwright, systematic theologian from Duke University in North-Carolina, USA on the theme: *“Here and There on the Ecumenical Scene Today.”*
- **26 September 2011:** Brothers Emile and Kombo, two members of the famous Taizé community in France, on Taize practices.
- **14 November 2011:** Prof Sebastian Kim, chair in Theology and Public Life at the York St John University in England, on the theme: *Public Significance of Theology in Plural Societies: Examples from Global Contexts*.

C. Conferences and seminars in which BNC members participated

- **20 Mei 2010: Conference on Reconciliation**
Speakers included prof Theo de Witt, Tilburg University on the topic *Theological and Philosophical Perspectives on Evil, Narrativity and Reconciliation*, dr Stephen Martin, King's University College on *Theological Challenges to Reconciliation*, and prof Anton van Niekerk on *Political-philosophical Challenges to Reconciliation*. Drs Gerrit Brand and Vasti Roodt responded to the paper of prof Theo de Witt.
- **25 to 26 October 2010: North-South Dialogue: Dignity at home – and in Public**
The following persons delivered papers at the consultation with the PthU on the theme: *Dignity at Home – and in Public*. Prof Jeremy Punt: *Human Dignity, Families and Violence. The New Testament as Resource?*; prof Julie Claassens: *A True Disgrace? The Representation of Violence against Women in the Book of Lamentations as well as in JM Coetzee's Novel Disgrace*; dr Leslie van Rooi: *Human Dignity in the Families of the Y Generation? A Church Juridical Study of the URCSA's perception of Family, with Specific Reference to the Y Generation*; and dr Christo Thesnaar: *Substance Abuse and Domestic Violence within Families: A Pastoral Response to the Challenge Facing Human Dignity*. Responses have been delivered by proff Kallie August, Jeremy Punt, drs Robert Vosloo, Gerrit Brand, Mary-Anne Plaatjies-van Huffel and Leslie van Rooi. Other participants were proff Nico Koopman, Dirkie Smit, drs Xolile Simon, Clint Le Bruyns and ms Anlené Taljaard.
- **7 April 2011: KAIROS PALESTINE: challenge to the church?**
Having celebrated the first anniversary of this important theological statement on the situation in Palestine-Israel, several Christian Palestinian theologians and leaders shared their views on the current state of affairs, the contribution of the Kairos Palestine project in advancing human dignity for all, and the public role of the ecumenical churches in solidarity for justice and liberation.

The Kairos Palestine document was translated in Afrikaans with the title, '*n Oomblik van Waarheid*, and was launched at the seminar.

- **25 - 26 August 2011: North-South Dialogue: Human Dignity under Threat**
Six members of the PthU, as well as Prof Karen Sporre of Umea participated in a consultation on the theme: *Human Dignity under Threat*. Prof Hendrik Bosman delivered a paper on *Imago Dei and Human Dignity in the Biblical Traditions*. Drs Xolile and Lee-Ann Simon delivered a paper together. Response was given by prof Nico Koopman and drs Charlene van der Walt and Ian Nell. Prof Yusuf Waghid of the Faculty of Education also participated.
- **20 – 23 September 2011: Law & Religion in SA**
The conference was presented by the Unit for Religion and Law that is being established within the BNS. It was a success with representatives from most religions and Christian churches. Amongst the attendees were also several legal representatives. There was good international interest and representation with proff Silvio Ferrari from Milan, Rik Torfs of the KU Leuven, Church Judge Hildegard Warnink of the Bisdomme of Mechelen and Rotterdam and dr Leon van den Broeke of the Free University of Amsterdam.

Prof Pieter Coertzen has already received a sponsorship to publish the presentations in a supplement of the NGTT journal. There was a continuous attendance register of approximately 40 people. Prof Coertzen reports that the South African Charter of Religious Rights and Freedoms will soon be available in all eleven official languages – at the moment it is already available in six.

A German translation has also recently been released.

- **8 to 9 November 2011: *Muslims & Christians in Solidarity with the Palestinians – what do our faiths demand from us in the face of their dispossession?***

BNC presented a two day conference in collaboration with *Peace for Life* and *Kairos Southern Africa* where, amongst others, dr Frank Chikane and mr Ronnie Kasrils delivered papers. Other speakers included dr Clint Le Bruyns, prof Farid Esack, ms Lubna Nadvi, mr Keith Gottschalk and mr Shahid Matthee. Prof Nico Koopman also took part in the programme and the faculty was represented by dr Xolile Simon.

D. Courageous Conversations

These conversations are scheduled over lunch time and the audience is challenged to further reflection. The target group is the broader campus, and also students and lecturers from the Faculty of Theology, as well as pastors from surrounding congregations. Topics and speakers are based on burning contemporary issues.

- **16 March 2011:** Pieter Kloppers, director of the US Centre for Student Communities on the theme: *Initiation Practices at Schools and on Campuses – A challenge to religions?*
- **11 May 2011:** Prof Willie Esterhuyse, philosopher and former lecturer in business ethics at the Business school on the theme: *The Condition of SA: Democratic? Successful? Vulnerable? Corrupt? Criminal? Can the State Still Do Something About It?*
- **10 August 2011:** National women's day in collaboration with the Division of Community Interaction and the Frederik Van Zyl Slabbert Institute for Student Leadership Development, with guest speaker dr Rhoda Kadalie, activist, feminist and political analyst on the theme: *Gender Justice and Non-racialism.*

E. Celebrations

- **10 May 2011:** The Beyers Naudé Centre celebrated the 96th birthday of Beyers Naudé with a lunch at Wilgenhof men's residence. Oom Bey was a resident of this famous institution. Dr Murray Coetzee, postdoctoral student at the Faculty of Theology, gave a short talk on the life of oom Bey, which were also attended by Prof Russel Botman, the Rector of Stellenbosch University and approximately 200 students.
- **21 October 2011:** The Faculty of Theology presented a morning seminar in honor of Prof Dirkie Smit, chairperson of the Board of the BNC, who celebrated his 60th birthday on 22 October 2011. Presentations focused on aspects of Prof Smit's work and papers were delivered by Proff Jaap Durand, Denise Ackermann, Piet Naudé, Etienne de Villiers, Russel Botman and dr Coenie Burger.

F. Book launches/awards

- **24 March 2011:** Prof Dirkie Smit, chairperson of the Board of the BNC, has been awarded the 2011 Andrew Murray Prize for theological books. This was for the second of his volumes of collected essays *Geloof en Openbare Lewe* (Faith and Public Life). The publication appeared as a special edition in the Beyers Naudé Centre Series on Public Theology and it was the financial support by ICCO/Kerk in Actie that made this possible. We were convinced that this publication would serve the aims of our joint project on Congregations and the Public Life, since it not only focused on Dirkie's reflections over thirty years on the relationship between faith/the church and public life, but it was specifically accessible to pastors in our church, who are the main focus of our joint project – many of these volumes in fact have already been distributed among them.

This is the second time a publication in our series has been awarded this prestigious prize (the other time was in 2009 for *Christian in Public*), an almost unheard occurrence, and the publication of the previous winner in our series was *also* the result of the financial assistance by ICCO/Kerk in Actie. Our sincere appreciation has been conveyed to our funders.

- **25 May 2011:** Murray Coetzee: *Die Kritiese Stem teen Apartheidsteologie in die NG Kerk (1905 – 1974)*

G. Visitors

- **21 September 2010: Ms Meta Floor** from Sabeel, an ecumenical movement for Palestinian liberation theology in East Jerusalem. Sponsored by the Protestant Church of the Netherlands (Kerk in Actie).
- **18 November 2010:** Members of CANAAC (The Caribbean and North American Area Council is the regional expression of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches in the region of the Caribbean, USA and Canada.)
Dr Oliver Patterson, chair, Task Force and member of CANAAC Steering Committee;
Rev Francisco Marrero, General Secretary, Presbyterian Reformed Church in Cuba and Dean, Matanzas Theological Seminary, Cuba;
Dr Neal D. Presa, Convenor/Chair, CANAAC and member of WCRC Executive Committee;
Rev Tara Tyme, minister of the United Church of Jamaica and the Cayman Islands;
Rev Bob Faris, Presbyterian Church in Canada.
- **14 February 2011: Prof Rolf Schieder**, Humboldt University, Berlin
- **22 March 2011: Mr Sijtse van Veen**, ICCO/Kerk in Actie, the Netherlands
- **9 November 2011: Dr Frank Chikane and dr Welile Mazamisa**

H. Archive

Since March 2011 the Beyers Naudé (BN) archive has gained momentum and is now housed in a suitable venue. Dr Murray Coetzee, a post-doctoral research fellow, has been

appointed to spearhead the archiving and interpreting of documents pertaining to Beyers Naudé and the Christian Institute (CI).

At this point in time the archive comprises the following collections:

- **The Ilse Naudé collection.** Most of the sermons and speeches delivered by Beyers Naudé from the 1930's to the 1990's (approximately 1 400), which are handwritten by him, have been donated to the BN archive by his wife. These documents have been categorised and are being duplicated, where after they are to be bound and made available for research. The original documents will be housed in the D.R.C. archive for safe-keeping. This collection has been incorporated in the BN archive database.
- **The Pro-Veritate collection.** With the help of various donators, the BN archive is thankful to report that it houses one of the few complete collections. These publications will be duplicated, bound and made available for research purposes. The original copies will be stored in safe-keeping. This collection has been incorporated in the BN archive database.
- **The Press Clippings collection.** A substantial amount of press clippings has been collected, filed and made available for research purposes. This collection will be incorporated in the BN archive database.
- **The Christian Institute (CI) collection.** This is a comprehensive collection which consists of the following: the history, planning and constitution; monthly newsletters; director's reports; bible studies; general administration of the head office as well as that of the regional offices consisting of agendas, minutes, reports, financial statements of all the structures of the CI, namely the Board of Directors, Executive Committee, Management Committee as well as the Annual General Meetings; correspondence by and to the BN archive and the CI; criticism on BN and CI; documents pertaining to the commission chaired by ministers Kruger, Schlebusch and L le Grange into the CI and other organisations; a duplicate copy of the file which was kept by the apartheid government on BN; the banning of BN and others as well as the discontinuation of the CI. Furthermore this collection also has documents with regard to related matters, i.e. Sharpeville; Cottesloe; SA Council of Churches; Soweto uprising.

The process of archiving is in an advanced stage. However, due to the comprehensive nature of this collection it will only be completed during 2012, where after it will be available for research purposes and incorporated in the BN archive database.

As a result of networking with various role-players who were active with in the CI and knew BN personally, such as Horst Kleinschmidt and John de Gruchy, promises have been made by them to donate documents to the BN archive.

Various books and publications written by BN as well as those of other authors about BN and the CI have been donated to the BN archive library. The BN archive will source more books in order to have a substantial collection which will be available for research purposes and incorporated in the BN archive database.

A database which includes the abovementioned documents and publications has been developed. At present this database consists of 80 pages and will be updated as archiving progresses and more documents and books are incorporated in the BN archive.

In order to facilitate research for local as well as international students, a website will be set up and linked to the BN archive.

Two books about BN and the CI have been published and form part of the BN archive. A third book based on the sermons of speeches of BN is envisaged and should be completed during 2012.

As a result of correspondence and meetings with various members of the CI, it has become apparent that a substantial amount of information about BN and the CI could not be documented due to a security risk. In order to gain this oral information, a series of interviews will be conducted during 2012. Thus far interviews have been set up with: Horst Kleinschmidt, Jim Cochrane, John de Cruchy, Shun Govender, Allan Boesak, Albert Nolan, Klippiess Kritzing, Roelf Meyer, Weli Mazamiza, Frank Chikane, Jaap Durand, Russell Botman and others. These interviews will be recorded, transcribed and archived, with the possibility of a further publication.

In order to do justice to the work of the BN archive a yearly budget of at least R20 000 is necessary.

I. Website

The development and design of the Beyers Naudé Centre website has been completed earlier this year: www.beyersnaudecentre.org

We convey our sincere thanks to dr JP Bosman for the design and ms Sonja Badenhorst for the maintenance.

J. Marketing

We are looking at different ways of introducing the activities of the BNC to interested people and are in the process of finalising a brochure.

K. Publications

Beyers Naudé Centre Series on Public Theology

1. Vol. I *The Legacy of Beyers Naudé*. (LD Hansen (ed.), Sun Press, 2005).
2. Vol. II *Oom Bey for the Future. Engaging the Witness of Beyers Naudé*. (LD Hansen & RR Vosloo (eds.), Sun Press, 2006).
3. Vol. III *Christian in Public. Aims, Methodologies and Issues in Public Theology*. (LD Hansen (ed.), Sun Press, 2007).
4. Special edition: *Geloof en Openbare Lewe. Versamelde Opstelle II*. DJ Smit (NN Koopman (ed.), Sun Press, 2008).
5. Vol. IV *Globalisation. The politics of empire, justice and the life of faith*. (AA Boesak & LD Hansen (eds.), Sun Press, 2009).
6. Vol. V. *Globalisation II. Global crisis, global challenge, global faith. An ongoing response to the Accra Confession*. (AA Boesak & LD Hansen (eds.) Sun Press, 2010).

Other publications

1. "The Barmen/Belhar Consultation, University of Stellenbosch, 18-19 October 2004." Supplement *NGTT* 47 (1 & 2), 2006 (compiled and edited – LD Hansen).
2. Collection of articles in honour of Prof. DJ Smit's 55th birthday. Supplement *NGTT* 48 (1 & 2), June 2007 (compiled and edited – LD Hansen).

Joint publishing projects

1. "Human dignity – article of faith or empty formula?" Volume 7, *Scriptura* 2007. In collaboration with the Protestantse Theologische Universiteit, Kampen, the Netherlands. F de Lange, NN Koopman, LD Hansen (eds.)
2. *The Humanisation of Globalisation – South African and German Perspectives.* (CC Le Bruyns and G Ulshöfer (eds.), Haag und Herchen, 2008). Papers from the Beyers Naudé Centre for Public Theology and the German Academies of Bad Boll and Arnoldshain's joint project on *The Humanization of Globalization*
3. In collaboration with the Department of Systematic Theology and Ecclesiology, Stellenbosch University: *Essays on Being Reformed. Collected Essays III.* DJ Smit (RR Vosloo (ed.), Sun Press, 2009).

Current publishing projects

1. A collection of papers from the joint project on *Religion and the Common Good in Pluralistic Societies* with IRTI (Free University Amsterdam), Mkar University (Nigeria), and Beyers Naudé Centre for Public Theology to be published as Supplement to NGTT (2011).
2. In collaboration with the Department of Systematic Theology and Ecclesiology, Stellenbosch University: *Opstelle oor Gereformeerdwees vandag. Versamelde Opstelle IV.* DJ Smit.

L. Staff

Staff members of the Centre:

Director – prof Nico Koopman

Chair of the Centre Management Board – prof Dirkie Smit

Programme Co-ordinator – ms Helette van der Westhuizen

Chair of publications – dr Len Hansen

Chair of Responsible Citizenship – Prof Nico Koopman (and dr Anita Cloete)

Chair of Human Dignity and Human Rights – prof Julie Claassens

Chair of Faith and Social Identity – Dr Christo Thesnaar

Chair of Faith and Science – Dr Gerrit Brand

Chair of Justice, Peace and the Integrity of creation – prof Nico Koopman (and dr Ockie Grundlingh)

Chair of Archive – Dr Murray Coetzee

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Dr Xolile Simon

Prof Pieter Coertzen

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Dr Chris Jones

Extraordinary professors of the Discipline Group Systematic Theology and Ecclesiology with a focus on Public Theology:

Prof Will Storrar (Director, Center of Theological Inquiry, Princeton, New Jersey, USA)

Prof Wentzel van Huyssteen (Princeton Theological Seminary, New Jersey, USA)

Prof Heinrich Bedford-Strohm (Director of the Dietrich Bonhoeffer Research Centre for Public Theology, University of Bamberg, Germany)

Prof Frits de Lange (Professor of Ethics, Protestant University, The Netherlands)
Prof Bram van de Beek (Free University, Amsterdam)
Prof John De Gruchy (University of Cape Town)
Prof Denise Ackermann (University of the Western Cape)
Prof Piet Naude (Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University)
Prof Jerry Pillay (Associate-professor, Stellenbosch University)

M. Finances

The Faculty of Theology is in the process of appointing a full-time financial officer with expertise in finances to manage the finances of the Faculty and all the centres of the Faculty, including the Beyers Naudé Centre for Public Theology. This will enhance our financial reporting to our funders.

Please refer to the appendices for the financial report for the period May 2010 – December 2011.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nico Koopman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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