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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



In 2017 the Beyers Naudé Centre for Public Theology joined in celebrating the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation in conference themes, the production of research, the building of partnerships, and the development of socially engaged scholarship. We are grateful that each of our projects has progressed in their work and were able to make valuable contributions while being able to fund their costs. As you will see from the report below, a great deal of important research, social engagement, and service took place. The work of the centre continues to develop and grow. We have established numerous new projects, initiatives, and partnerships.

The theme for the annual SKLAS conferences was Reformation and Transformation. As we joined the rest of the global church in celebrating the anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation, we wanted to use this important historical milestone to reflect critically on the identity, witness and work of the contemporary church in South Africa and broader afield.

Research shows that churches and faith-based organisations remain important and trusted institutions in South Africa. Moreover, the church plays a very important role the shaping of values, the facilitation of care (through schools, clinics, hospitals and other important social services), and as a collective that can engage institutions of power in society by means of advocacy for the poor and marginalized. At the same time we recognise that religion, and religious communities, also need to be engaged and evaluated critically – hence the joint emphases of reflecting on the historical reformations, and the need to strive for constant reform and transformation. The work of critical evaluation and engagement theology on the work and witness of the churches was informed from various publics in society. As will be seen, some of the engagement came from among the churches themselves. Other engagements brought together a diversity of contexts, such as Brazilian, Papuan, and South African scholarship on faith and public life. Concerning transformation, many of our projects continued to focus on issues of social concern that invite, and challenge, the churches and theologians in their work and witness. These included ongoing work on issues related gender and sexuality, reconciliation, economics, land, and disability, to mention just a few. The three units operating in the centre, namely, the Gender Unit, Bonhoeffer Unit and Unit for Religion and Law, hosted numerous conferences, initiated research projects and produced high quality research outputs.

We would like to thank all of the partners of the Beyers Naudé Centre for public theology for journeying together with one another, and with us, in supporting and developing this important work. We are grateful to be able to continue to honour the legacy of Beyers Naudé as we work together for the common good.

PARTNERSHIPS

KERK IN ACTIE, THE NETHERLANDS

The SKLAS (Synodical Commission for Doctrine and Current Affairs of the Uniting Reformed Church in Southern Africa) conferences again made a major impact on local churches in the Western, Southern and Eastern Cape Synods. The Western Cape conference took place at the Goedgedacht Guest Farm outside Malmesbury on 15 February; on 3 March the Southern Cape conference was held at Carmel Guest Farm outside George and the Eastern Cape conference was at The Willows resort in Port Elizabeth on 15 May. In 2017, the focus was on the theme of *Reformation and Transformation*.



The 2017 BNC SKLAS conferences allowed opportunities for pastors, members, and religious leaders to reflect together on the nature, identity, role and work of the Church and the churches in a complex, and changing, context. What can be learnt from the Reformation for the Church today? In what ways can the Church be transformed and renewed for the faithful exercising of its ministry in evangelism, mission and justice in South Africa today? What are some of the important changes and challenges that the Churches and the churches currently face in South Africa?

Prof Leepo Modise, Moderator of URCSA General Synod and Associate Professor at the Department of Philosophy, Practical and Systematic Theology and Discipline Leader of

Systematic Theology, UNISA delivered the first keynote lecture. He looked at the *Role of the Church in socio-economic transformation*.

The second keynote speaker focused on *Discourses of transformation in the current SA context*. At the Western Cape conference, the session was led by Prof Sarojini Nadar, Desmond Tutu Research Chair, University of the Western Cape. At the Southern and Eastern Cape conferences, Ms Hanna Wapenaar, Researcher and publications officer at Ujamaa, Pietermaritzburg and coworker from Kerk in Aktie (The Netherlands), led the discussion around a contextual Bible Study.

These reflections once again informed and transformed, illuminated and inspired, and filled all the delegates with hope and delight for their calling as Christians and churches in the world.

At Malmesbury 35 delegates, including four women attended; at George 15 delegates took part in the conference of whom four were women and at PE 49 delegates joined, including six women. Regarding the denominations represented, there were mostly clergy from the URC, but a growing number of Volkskerk, DRC and Anglican attendees join the conference every year.

The BNC is truly grateful to Kerk in Aktie for the generous support of this important work and look forward to growing the work and its influence in the years ahead.

SOUTH-SOUTH COLLABORATION

Theologians from Faculdades Est (Sao Leopoldo, Brazil) and Stellenbosch University (South Africa) met at the Beyers Naudé Centre to present a first round of papers for a collaborative research project that will result in the publication of a book. The coordinators of this project are Prof Rudolf von Sinner (Faculdades Est) and Dr Dion Forster (Stellenbosch University). This project is ongoing with some funding from the Brazilian government's research foundation and Stellenbosch University's International office.

As part of the ongoing partnership between the BNC and Faculdades EST (Sao Leopoldo, Brazil) a symposium was held at which papers were presented by participants from South Africa and Brazil. The purpose of the presentation of these papers was to facilitate research collaboration on notions of Public Theologies from the different contexts - instead of just presenting perspectives from South Africa and Brazil. The participants are encouraged to collaborate and engage in discussions about how they deal with particular issues in their respective theological traditions and social contexts. Prof von Sinner will visit Stellenbosch University again in 2018. The result of this research collaboration will be the publication of a book on approaches to Public Theologies in Brazil and South Africa.

CHURCH OF SWEDEN WITH STELLENBOSCH UNIVERSITY (RESEARCH, INNOVATION AND POST GRADUATE OFFICE)

MTh Gender and Health

At Stellenbosch University, the MTh Gender and Health since 2013 has each year seen ten diverse Master's students from SA and beyond its borders come together in order to grapple with the complex intersection of Gender, Health and Theology.

The success of the MTh Gender and Health has led the personnel to explore new opportunities for teaching and research on this topic that already exhibited a definite social impact in faith communities as well as in society. The hope is to find new avenues for effecting change in perceptions in terms of gender, race, poverty and sexual orientation by means of education and research. Through the work of the Gender Unit (see below), and in partnership with partners near and far, those involved hope to contribute to the formation of a world where racism, sexism, homophobia and the dehumanizing reality of poverty is no more by amongst others:

- Raising funds for PhD scholarships in order to give doctoral students the opportunity to continue their research on Gender, Health and Theology and so helping to cultivate thought leaders who can go back to their respective communities in order to serve as agents of change.
- Creating a community of scholars who through their research contribute to the establishment of a centre of excellence that contextually explains the intersection of Gender, Health and the various sub-disciplines of Theology. The Gender Unit was able to appoint its first postdoctoral fellow, Dr Funlola Olojede, who was born in Nigeria.

Building networks on campus, with FBO's, NGO's and faith communities, and with scholars nationally as well as internationally in order to stimulate discourse on various aspects of the intersection of Gender, Health and Theology with the goal of cultivating an ethos that affirms the dignity of all people and resist all forms of discrimination.

Gender Unit

The official launch of the Gender Unit of the BNC was in March 2017. "What we are doing today is planting a symbolic tree. It is my hope that this tree will produce branches of decolonised knowledge. May this tree continue to be cultivated and flourish in the African forest of change," said Prof Sarojini Nadar, Desmond Tutu Chair for Ecumenical Theology and Social Transformation at the University of the WesternCape, who delivered the keynote address at the launch of the Gender Unit at the Faculty of Theology on Tuesday 28 March 2017. Prof Julie Claassens is the head of the new unit and Prof Eugene Cloete, Vice-Rector for Research, Innovation and Postgraduate Studies, played a major role in the establishment thereof. A conference with the *theme Cultivating change agents: mainstreaming gender and health in Africa* took place at the Faculty on 28 and 29 March.



ECUMENICAL FOUNDATION OF SOUTH AFRICA (EFSA) TOGETHER WITH STELLENBOSCH UNIVERSITY (SOCIAL IMPACT OFFICE)

Northern Cape Ecumenical conference

The ecumenical conference in Kimberley had the same theme as the SKLAS conferences, *Reformation and Transformation*. Prof Leepo Modise, Moderator of URCSA General Synod; Associate Professor at the Dept of Philosophy, Practical and Systematic Theology and Discipline

Leader of Systematic Theology, UNISA was the keynote speaker and the BNC's own Rev Rineke van Ginkel facilitated a Contextual Bible Study session on Genesis 16. This was followed by group work and a lively panel discussion. The Northern Cape conference was again well attended and proved to be a much needed conversation space.



OTHER CONFERENCES, SYMPOSIA AND PUBLIC LECTURES IN WHICH THE BNC TOOK PART

Kairos Theologies

On the 24th of February 2017 the a morning seminar was hosted at which Prof Yong-Bok Kim and Dr Marthie Momberg spoke on Kairos Theologies and their adoption and reception across the world. The South African Kairos document (1985) challenged the South African church to reflect

critically on its theological identity and task. Prof Yong-Bok Kim reminded the participants of the importance of developing and maintaining a prophetic theology. In particular, the participants were invited to reflect critically on how political, economic and social systems operate in ways that are counter to the Gospel. The examples of land expropriation and environmental abuse by governments and economic entities for profit and power were highlighted. These included the exclusion of indigenous persons from land in South East Asia for military and economic gains. The other strong concern was in relation to the Israel and Palestine conflict. The speakers highlighted how inadequate theologies contributed towards these social, political, economic and environmental injustices. They also suggested some ways in which such injustices could be engaged theologically.

Religious Freedom in Africa and Europe

On the 4th-5th of April 2017 a group of international academics from various disciplines gathered at STIAS and the Beyers Naude Centre to consider notions of religious freedoms in Africa and Europe. Prof Göran Gunner (University of Stockholm), Prof Elizabeth Gerle (Lund University) and Dr Forster (BNC) are currently in the process of gathering and editing the chapters for a book on this topic to be published by Wipf and Stock in 2018.

Reconciliation, violence and forgiveness conference

This project is an inter-disciplinary engagement with three ethical themes from an African perspective. The themes in question are reconciliation, forgiveness and violence. The participants were selected by representatives from the three disciplines in the Faculty of Theology: Prof Christo Thesnaar (Practical Theology), Prof Marius Nel (Old and New Testament), and Dr Dion Forster (Systematic Theology and Ecclesiology). Up to three senior students from each discipline group participated in this conference on 13 April by presenting papers related to the topic and their doctoral research. Dr Wilhelm Verwoerd, who has extensive expertise in reconciliation, participated in the conference and offered editorial input and some overarching insights in the final product highlighting the links to Human Dignity, the various ethical themes, the disciplinary contributions, and the specific issues addressed in the various chapters of the final volume. The final publication will be a peer reviewed scholarly book of approximately 12-14 chapters (which includes the introduction and conclusion) and will be published in 2018.

Public lecture: Richard Kearney

On Tuesday 9 May 2017 the BNC hosted a public lecture by Professor Richard Kearney. The topic of his lecture was *Hosting the stranger*. The lecture was followed by moving responses by Prof Pumla-Gobodo Madikizela (Chair for Historical Trauma and Transformation at Stellenbosch University and author of the acclaimed book *A Human Being Died That Night*) and Dr Wilhelm Verwoerd (a former philosophy lecturer, TRC researcher and dialogue facilitator in Northern Ireland).



Annual celebration of Beyers Naudé's birthday

The annual Beyers Naudé birthday lecture took place on 10 May at Wilgenhof residence, where Oom Bey was Primarius while a student at Stellenbosch University. Louis van der Riet (PhD Theology student) and Ruhan Fourie (Masters student in History) spoke at the event. They addressed the following questions: *Beyers Naudé has long been revered as one of South Africa's most influential church and civil leaders. His legacy is one that continues to challenge, inspire and bring hope. What role did his experiences as a theology student and Wilgenhoffer in the 1930's play in his formation? Was he indeed as woke as some make him out to have been? And importantly, how would Naudé have responded to current challenges - fallist movements, race relations, political power games etc.*

Troubling the Haunting power of the past: Interrupting intergenerational cycles of historical trauma

A joint symposium was hosted on the 16th and 17th of May 2017 at which various participants representing a variety of scholarly disciplines and contexts presented papers on notions of historical trauma. The BNC was a co-host of this project with STIAS; Prof Gobodo Madikizela (Chair for Historical Trauma and Transformation at Stellenbosch University and author of the acclaimed book *A Human Being Died That Night*) and Queens University (Ireland). This is an ongoing collaborative research project which is also linked to the BNC's Reconciliation Project under the leadership of Prof Christo Thesnaar. It is hoped that this project will yield both social and academic fruit as it unfolds.

Winter school: 13-15 June

The theme for the 2017 Winter school was Reforming the Church, Society and Ourselves. The following keynote addresses were included in the programme: Dr Ishmael Noko, President of the Inter-faith Action for Peace in Africa spoke on reforming the Church; followed by Judge Steven Majiedt, Supreme Court of Appeal addressed reforming society and Dr Magaret Blackie, Department of Chemistry and Polymer Science, Stellenbosch University on reforming ourselves.

Public lecture: Paul Anderson

The Beyers Naudé Centre together with the Department of Old and New Testament hosted a public lecture by Professor Paul N Anderson on 3 August. The topic of his lecture was *The Spirituality of Jesus: An Inclusive Quest*. Paul N. Anderson serves as Professor of Biblical and Quaker Studies at George Fox University, as Extraordinary Professor of Religion at the North West University of Potchefstroom, South Africa, and as Visiting Guest Professor of Bible and Christian Tradition at Chapman University.



Meeting with Papuan delegation on Kairos, protest and Church and State



On 14 August leaders and activists from West Papua met and spent time with Dr Dion Forster, Prof Mary-Anne Plaatjes-Van Huffel and Dr Retief Muller at the BNC.

Conversation: Women's Leadership and the Crisis of Gender Oppression and Violence

The Studies in Historical Trauma and the Gender Unit of the BNC hosted a conversation on *Women's Leadership and the Crisis of Gender Oppression and Violence* on 30 August. Dr Samantha van Schalkwyk facilitated the discussion, which took place at the University Museum. The speakers included Prof Amanda Gouws, Distinguished professor of Political Science, Renee Hector-Kannemeyer, Deputy director of Social Impact and Head of Matie Community Services and Andy Kawa, Executive coach of Chuma Holdings. Prof Julie Claassens, who heads the Gender Unit, responded to the conversation.



Bonhoeffer Consultation

The annual Bonhoeffer Consultation took place from 31 August – 1 September 2017. The theme – given the Reformation commemorations – was “Bonhoeffer and the Reformation”. Prof Michael DeJonge, a leading Bonhoeffer scholar, gave the opening lecture. Prof John de Gruchy spoke on “Bonhoeffer and Barth”. In addition, the delegates reflected on Bonhoeffer’s Reformation Day sermons (with Prof Robert Vosloo) and some of Bonhoeffer’s texts related to the Reformation, such as “Protestantism without Reformation”. During the consultation, Dr. Dianne Rayson gave a public lecture on “Bonhoeffer and the Anthropocene: The time of earthly Christianity”.



Institute for the healing of memories annual lecture: 21 September

The public lecture was addressed by Pearl Means whose topic was *Standing Rock exemplifies the American Indian as the Miner's Canary*. The event was a collaboration between the Institute for the Healing of Memories and the BNC. Pearl Means is an activist and author who speaks on matters concerning indigenous issues, human rights, environmentalism and is a film producer. She was born into the Ashiihi (Salt) clan of the Navajo nation. Patric Tariq Mellet, a South African liberation activist, author and social historian, was the respondent to the keynote address and reflected on contemporary events in South Africa.



Conversation with Michael Welker: 21 and 22 September

Michael Welker, professor in Systematic Theology at the University of Heidelberg, spent two days with an invited group of academics and students discussing topics such as Reformation / Christology; Public Life / Cultural Orientation and Public Theology and Global Perspectives. Beforehand, a selection of his writings was sent to the group.

Third annual Russel Botman memorial lecture: 18 October

Justice Zak Yacoob, retired judge of the Constitutional Court of South Africa, was the keynote speaker at this event. The lecture, held in honour of the late Prof Russel Botman, former Rector and Vice-Chancellor of SU, was hosted by the Faculty of Theology in collaboration with the curatoria of the Uniting Reformed Church in Southern Africa, the Dutch Reformed Church and the Beyers Naudé Centre for Public Theology. The theme for 2017 was justice. Yacoob highlighted Botman's commitment to, among others, equality, justice, transformation, human dignity and freedom.

Yacoob said that we must also do all we can to hasten the transformation of our society, empower weak and vulnerable people and contribute to the elimination of discrimination. He added that if

Prof Botman were alive today he would have urged us to make social and economic rights a reality for millions of South Africans still trapped in poverty.

In her response to the Yacoob's speech, Prof Sandy Liebenberg of SU's Faculty of Law highlighted Botman's commitment to transformation. "With Russel's inauguration, the pace of transformation at Stellenbosch University quickened. Russel understood that socio-economic rights were about justice." She added that Botman was a model of visionary and ethical leadership.



Winter school in Jena

A Winter school with a focus on reconciliation took place from 4 to 6 December in Jena, and the following students from SU took part: Walter Philander; Oholiabs Danladi Tuduks (Nigeria); Mbulelo Partick; Jandre Viljoen and Estian Mentz.

OTHER EVENTS

Courageous Conversations

In 2017 the Courageous Conversations continued in the Faculty of Theology. These conversations were co-hosted by the Theological Students Committee (TSC) and the BNC. The first meeting took place on 21 April 2017 where a panel of theologians and participants from different disciplines and communities presented perspectives on Theology and disability.



The second gathering for 2017 took place on 17 August 2017. The theme of this conversation was Theological aesthetics and transformation with a particular focus on the semiotics of transformation (buildings and spaces that need transformation). Both events were very significant with well prepared inputs from theologians and specialists and practitioners from various publics.



Sadly, the events themselves were not that well attended. After some deliberation with the TSC, students and staff, it was suggested changing the 'format' of these gatherings to a 'Dean's Lunch'. The idea is that we would support the coordination of conversations with students and staff around topical and important issues in a smaller and less formal setting (a luncheon).

Engaging "radical economic transformation" and land ownership in South Africa

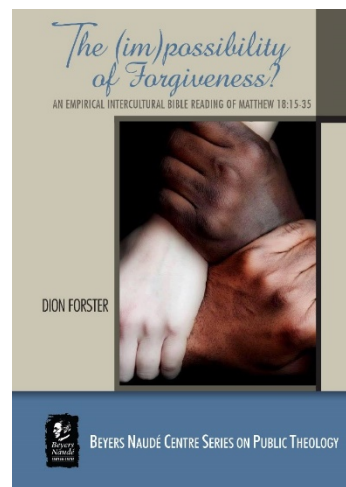
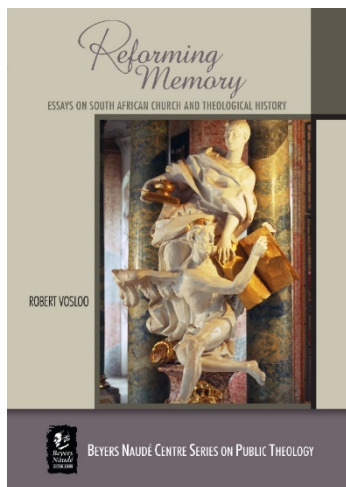
The Faculty of Theology commemorated the beginning of theological education in Stellenbosch when the first classes were conducted on 3 November 1859. The BNC facilitated a short but rigorous discussion of a topic that is relevant for our society as a whole and that will assist in focusing, challenging and informing the Faculty's Public Theology. Keynote speakers included Ms

Bokang Mpeta, lecturer in Economics, Stellenbosch University and Dr Aninka Claassens, Director: Land and Accountability Research Centre, University of Cape Town.



Book launches

Two books were added to the Beyers Naudé Centre Series on Public Theology in 2017: Prof Robert Vosloo's *Reforming Memories* and Dr Dion Forster's *The (im)possibility of Forgiveness* (both funded externally at no cost to the BNC). Please refer to p19 (below) for more information.



A fourth edition in the BNC Unit for Religion and Law; Religious Pluralism, Heritage and Social Development also appeared this year and was launched at the ACLARS Conference in Morocco in May. The book was edited by M. Christian Green, Rosalind L. Hackett, Len Hansen, and Francois Venter and published by African Sun Media, as is the BNC Series.

BEYERS NAUDÉ ARCHIVE

Launch of the Horst Kleinschmidt and Ben Marais Collections on 21 April

The Horst Kleinschmidt Collection contains an extremely important volume of letters written by Beyers Naudé and for the most part sent to Horst Kleinschmidt during a period of forced exile of different kinds for both. In the late 1970s to early 1980s, Kleinschmidt found himself overseas, while Naudé was under house arrest in Johannesburg.

Professor Ben Marais played an important but neglected part in the struggle against the theological undergirding of racial discrimination, eventually referred to as 'apartheid' (Walshe 1991:27). Throughout his career as student chaplain and professor in Church History at the University of Pretoria and UNISA he was adamant that "Apartheid erodes the very basis of humanity" (Marais 1984:57). Ben Marais and Beyers Naudé were good friends for more than half a century, despite choosing different modes of criticism and social engagement.

Archive work in progress includes the John de Gruchy Collection and the Jaap Durand Collection, both planned to be completed in 2018.

PUBLICATIONS

BEYERS NAUDÉ CENTRE SERIES ON PUBLIC THEOLOGY

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

6. Vol. VI *Vreesloos Gehoorsaam. 'n Keur uit Beyers Naudé se preke van 1939-1997*. (Coetzee, M, Hansen, LD & Vosloo, RR (eds.) Sun Press, 2013).
7. Vol. VII *A Theological Odyssey: My Life in Writing*. John De Gruchy (Sun Press, 2014).
8. Vol. VIII *Pathways in Theology, Ecumenical, African and Reformed*. Piet Naudé (Van der Westhuizen, H (ed.) Sun Press, 2015).
9. Vol. IX *Pathways in Ethics: Justice, Interpretation, Discourse, Economics*. Piet Naudé (Sun Press, 2016).
10. Vol. X *Hermeneutics and Social Transformation. A selection of the essays of Bernard Lategan* (Smit, DJ & Hansen, LD (eds.), Sun Press, 2015).
11. Vol. XI *The (im)possibility of Forgiveness. An empirical intercultural Bible reading of Matthew 18: 15-35*. Dion Forster (Sun Press, 2017).
12. Vol. XII *Reforming Memory. Essays on South African Church and Theological history*. Robert Vosloo (Sun Press, 2017).

DIRKIE SMIT COLLECTION

1. Vol. I *Essays in Public Theology*. Smit, DJ (Conradie, EM (ed.), Sun Press, 2007).
2. Vol. II *Geloof en Openbare Lewe. Versamelde Opstelle*. Smit, DJ (Koopman, NN (ed.), Sun Press, 2008).
3. Vol. III *Essays on Being Reformed*. Smit, DJ (Vosloo, RR (ed.), Sun Press, 2009).
4. Vol. IV *Opstelle oor Gereformeerde-wees vandag*. Smit, DJ (Hansen, LD (ed.), Sun Press, 2013).
5. Vol. V *Remembering Theologians – Doing Theology*. Smit, DJ (Vosloo, RR (ed.), Sun Press, 2013).

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 honor of Prof. DJ Smit's 55th birthday. Supplement *NGTT* 48 (1 & 2), June 2007 (compiled and edited – LD Hansen).
3. Special Collection: South Africa 20 years after apartheid. Editors Len Hansen & Nico Koopman. *International Journal for Public Theology* 9(4) 2014.
4. *The Calling of the Church: Liber Amicorum for the Moluccan Theological Council*. Editors: Lützen P. Miedema and Simon Ririhena.

5. Cultivating seeds of hope, Conversations on the life of Beyers Naudé. (Coetzee, M, Muller, M & Hansen, LD (eds.) Sun Press, 2015).

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*
6. *Religions and the Common Good in Pluralistic Societies*. NGTT 2012(53). Supplementum 2. Joseph Antyo, Godwin Akper, Martien Brinkman, Eddy van der Borght, Jan Nieder-Heitmann (eds.) 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.
7. Joint publishing project with the Department of Systematic Theology and Ecclesiology: *Reformed Churches and the Struggle for Justice in South Africa: Remembering 1960-1990*. Conference proceedings under editorship of Robert Vosloo and Mary-Anne Platjies van Huffel. Sun Press, 2013.
8. In collaboration with the Department of Systematic Theology and Ecclesiology, Stellenbosch University: *Opstelle oor Gereformeerdwees vandag. Versamelde Opstelle IV*. DJ Smit. Sun Press, 2013.
9. *Prophet of the South: Essays in honour of Allan Aubrey Boesak*. Editors: Prince Dibeela, Puleng Lenka-Bula & Vuyani Vellem. Sun Press, 2014.

PUBLICATIONS IN PROGRESS

1. *Gestaltes van die Kerk. Dirk J. Smit Versamelde Opstelle. Vol. 6*. Guest editor: Prof Nico Koopman.
2. *South African faith communities and reconciliation in a post-TRC context*. Editors: Prof Christo Thesnaar and Dr Len Hansen.
3. *Reconciliation, Forgiveness and Violence*. Editors: Dr Dion Forster, Prof Christo Thesnaar and Prof Marius Nel.

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Please refer to the appendix for the financial report for the period January 2017 – December 2017.

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