

# Calvin Studies Society NEWSLETTER

November, 1999



## COLLOQUIUM 2001: "CALVIN AND THE CHURCH" MAY 24-26, 2001

CALVIN COLLEGE AND THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

Program Committee: Donald Sinnema, Chair; Karin Maag; W. Fred Graham  
Local Arrangements: Karin Maag, Meeter Center  
Housing will be available on the Calvin College campus.

**Mark your calendars now.**

### PAPERS FROM THE 1999 COLLOQUIUM

"Calvin and His Legacy,"  
at Union Seminary and PSCE,  
Richmond, will be available in  
February, 2000.

A copy will be mailed at no charge to members of the Calvin Studies Society and will be available to purchase by others at a cost of \$12.00 plus \$2.75 shipping and handling.

*The contributors are:*

- Karin Maag: "*Calvin's Academic and Educational Legacy*"
- John L. Thompson: "*Calvin's Exegetical Legacy: His Reception and Transmission of Text and Tradition*"
- Robert M. Kingdon: "*Calvin's Socio-Political Legacy: Collective Government, Resistance to Tyranny, Maintenance of Discipline*"
- Brian A. Gerrish: "*The Theological Legacy of John Calvin: The Examples of Schleiermacher and Charles Hodge*"
- John D. Witvliet: "*Images and Themes in Calvin's Theology of Liturgy: One Dimension of Calvin's Liturgical Legacy*"
- Merwyn S. Johnson: "*Calvin's Legacy in Ethics*"
- Thomas J. Davis: "*Preaching and Presence: Constructing Calvin's Homiletic Legacy*"

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*PAPERS FROM THE 1995 AND 1997*  
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A new feature on the CSS website will be a page devoted to **MEMBERS' PUBLICATIONS**. You are invited to send us information on how to purchase your publications directly from the publisher (give the toll-free and fax numbers, e-mail addresses and websites). Books that you wish to sell directly can be purchased through the website where people can use credit cards to make purchases.

**DAVIDSON CALVIN STUDIES  
CONFERENCE TO MEET AT  
COLUMBIA THEOLOGICAL  
SEMINARY, JANUARY 26-28.**

*Speakers include:*

- Herman Selderhuis, Apeldoorn: "God and the Devil in Calvin's Psalms Commentary";
- Frank James, Orlando: "The Legacy of Peter Martyr and the Martyr Translation Project";
- George Hunsinger, Princeton: "A Tale of Two Simultaneities: Justification and Sanctification in the Writings of Barth and Calvin";
- Robert M. Kingdon, Madison: "Worship in Calvin's Geneva";
- Darryl Hart, Westminster: "A Challenge to Reformed Worship Today";
- Wayne Baker, Akron: "Bullinger and the Reformed Tradition";
- Wilhelm Neuser, Munich: "Calvin's First Theological Writing."

Other speakers will be David F. Wright, Edinburgh, and Willem van 't Spijker, Apeldoorn. Following the Friday evening dinner, a panel of Brian Armstrong, John Leith, John Hesselink and Karin Maag will reflect on "Recollections of the Renaissance of Calvin Studies."

*To register, contact*

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The registration fee is \$15, and there is some secondary housing available.

**RHEINISCHES  
CALVINSYMPIOSIUM HOLDS  
ITS FOURTH MEETING**

**H**erman Selderhuis reported to the CSS colloquium in Richmond on the fourth meeting of the "Rheinisches Calvinsymposium" which met in Wuppertal, north of Cologne, on October 7-8. The symposium is the creation of Hans Scholl of the Kirchliche Hochschule Wuppertal and Cees Augustijn of the Free University of Amsterdam. Forty scholars were expected to attend.

Younger scholars are encouraged to present papers on their research, and considerable time is allowed for the discussion of the material presented. Herman comments that the "mixture of Swiss, German and Dutch languages—along with the name 'Rheinisch'—gives the meeting a romantic ring!"

Herman adds that the symposium is important because it is one of the few ways in which Calvin scholars meet together between the meetings of the International Congress on Calvin Research. Herman hopes that there will be increased contact between the "Rheinisch" group and the Calvin Studies Society.

**MEMBERSHIP IN THE  
CALVIN STUDIES SOCIETY**

**M**embership is open to scholars and others interested in the thought, life and legacy of John Calvin. Membership is \$20.00 per year; payment of the registration fee of \$40 for a colloquium also includes membership for two years. Members receive a copy of the most recent colloquium papers at no charge.

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# NEWS OF OUR MEMBERS

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**RICHARD I. CHRISTENSEN**, Lakeland College of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, presented two lectures in October at Lakeland's Mission House Center for Theological Study: "A Worldly Spirituality: Calvin's View of the Christian Life"; and "The Community that Glorifies God: Calvin's Critique of Society." Prior to serving at Lakeland, Richard taught church history at Phillips Theological Seminary.

**JANET GLENN GRAY** contributed a chapter to the *Festschrift* for Charles Nauert, *In Laudem Caroli. Renaissance and Reformation Studies* (Vol. XLIX of Sixteenth Century Essays and Studies), ed. James V. Mehl. Janet's essay is "Investigation of a Renaissance-Humanist Academy at Saumur." Janet is an adjunct humanities faculty member at Maryville University and St. Louis University. She completed her Ph.D. at the University of Missouri-Columbia under Charles Nauert's direction.

**HEIKO OBERMAN** delivered two addresses on "The Lasting Heritage of Luther and Calvin" on October 24-26 at The Beeson Divinity School of Samford University, Birmingham, Alabama, where **TIMOTHY GEORGE** is the Dean of BDS. In his work at the University of Arizona, Oberman is directing Michael Bruening in his dissertation, "Pierre Viret and the History of Early Calvinism."

**DONALD SINNEMA** reports that his essay, "The Distinction between Scholastic and Popular: Andreas Hyperius and Reformed Scholasticism," appears in the book *Protestant Scholasticism: Essays in Reassessment*, edited by Carl Trueman and R. Scott Clark (Paternoster Press, 1999).

**JON BALSERAK** reports that he is still enjoying life in Edinburgh and working on a PhD on Calvin under **DAVID WRIGHT**. Jon is working on an article on Calvin's treatment of narrative passages, tentatively entitled "Mens Scriptoris et Mens Calvinii: An Inquiry into Calvin's Working Hermeneutic." Jon attended the colloquium in Richmond and plans on being in Grand Rapids in 2001.

**GLENN SUNSHINE** is a visiting professor this fall at the Universitaet der Bundeswehr, Hamburg, Germany, as part of an exchange program which brings Prof. Klaus Arnold, a specialist on medieval England, to Central Connecticut State University, where Glenn teaches.

**TOM SCHWANDA** has been appointed Professor of Spiritual Formation at the Reformed Bible College in Grand Rapids. Tom had served as an adjunct faculty member for both Fuller and Western Theological Seminaries.

**JELLE FABER** reports that he has published an article entitled, "Word and Spirit in Calvin's *Institutes*," in *Koinonia* 18, no. 1 (1999): 29-54.

**JAMES PEYTON, JR.**, Professor of History at Redeemer College, Ancaster, Ontario, serves as the Executive Secretary of CAREE (Christians Associated for Relation-

ships with Eastern Europe). Last November, Jim delivered his inaugural lecture as Professor of History: "From Byzantium to Bosnia: On the History of the 'Other' Europe." This past May, Jim was in the Crimea where he lectured at the Crimean Medical University and at a conference in Yalta. During the same trip, Jim delivered the keynote address at a conference in St. Petersburg on "Higher Education in 21st Century Russia: A Christian Perspective." Jim published an article, "Kosovo: Between 1389 and 1999," in *The Christian Courier*, May 17, 1999. Jim is on sabbatical this fall and working on a book, *Light from the Christian East*.

**MYUNG JUN AHN** of Pyongtaek University, Korea, spent time in Utrecht and Tokyo this summer. He recently delivered two papers entitled, "Christian Hope for the Defectors from North Korea" and "Calvin's Attitude Toward the Fathers and Medieval Interpreters." Myung Jun also published an article, "The Influences on Calvin's Hermeneutics" in *Hervormd Theologische Studies*, March, 1999, and an article, "Current Theological Issues in Northern Korea" in *REC Theological Forum*. A graduate of Hapdong Seminary, Reformed Seminary (Jackson), and Westminster Seminary, Myung Jun received the PhD from Pretoria University. At Pyongtaek University, Myung Jun teaches systematic theology.

**JEANINE OLSON** is traveling in France and England where she is continuing her research on "the friends of Calvin." In September Jeanine chaired a session at St. Andrews University on French religious books.

**ELSIE MCKEE**, Princeton Theological Seminary, has been invited to edit a volume on *Calvin for the Classics of Western Spirituality* series, published by the Paulist Press. Professor Bernard McGinn is the General Editor.

**CORNELIS P. VENEMA**, Mid-America Reformed Seminary, Dyer, Indiana, is working on a monograph on Bullinger's doctrine of predestination. The study will address the issue of whether Bullinger's views are compatible with those of Calvin, or whether Bullinger was the author of "the other Reformed tradition," emphasizing a bilateral covenant rather than a unilateral predestinarianism.

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# THE 7TH ASIAN CONGRESS ON CALVIN RESEARCH

Our thanks to JOHN HESSELINK for an extensive report on this Congress which was held in Tokyo on August 17, 18, 19, at the Inter-University Seminar House in Hachioji city.

The main lectures were presented by

- BRIAN ARMSTRONG, Secretary of the International Congress on Calvin Research: "The Character of Calvinism and Reformed Theology in the 16th and 17th Centuries: A Look at the Assumptions of Modern Scholars";
- JOHN HESSELINK, Western Theological Seminary: "Calvin: Theologian of the Holy Spirit";
- SOU-YOUNG LEE, President of the Asian Congress, Prebysterian College and Seminary, Seoul: "Calvin's Understanding of Faith"; and
- NOBUO WATANABE, Japan Christ Church and Seminary: "Calvin's *Institutes* as a Catechetic Text."



*John Hesselink lecturing at the 7th Asian Calvin Congress*

Coordinator for the Congress was REV. SHIN NOMURA of Tohoku Gakuin University who, along with his son, attended the CSS colloquium in Richmond; and the receptionist was REV. MIMAKO SAITO who also attended the Richmond colloquium.

Because of the larger than expected attendance (over 100, including 23 from Korea, 15 from Indonesia, 18 from Taiwan and 43 from Japan), the "seminars" became "lectures":

- MIMAKO SAITO presented "Susan Schreiner's View of Calvin: Directions for Preachers" and
- MYUNG JUN AHN lectured on "Calvin's Attitude toward the Fathers and Medieval Interpretation from the Perspective of the Principle of *brevitas et facilitas*."

Also in attendance was CHUL HA HAN, a member of the Presidium of the International Calvin Research Congress and one of the principal hosts of the Congress' meeting in August, 1998, in Seoul.

The next Asian Congress on Calvin Research will be held in Indonesia in 2001, and the chair will be Rev. Augustinus M.L. Batlajery.

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## SCENES FROM THE RICHMOND COLLOQUIUM

April 22-24, 1999



*Don Sinnema, Jeannine Olson, Phil Butin*



*Jon Balsarak*

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*John Thompson, Ward Holder*



*Brian Gerrish, Elsie McKee*



*Tom Davis*



*Whan Bong Lee, Mimako Saito*