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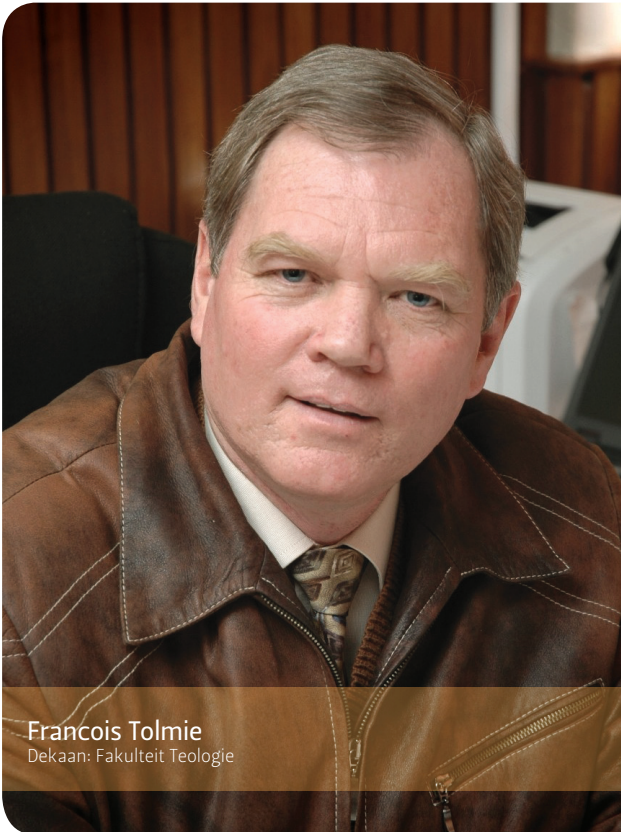
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Voorwoord



Francois Tolmie
Dekaan: Fakulteit Teologie

Vir Suid-Afrika was 2010 die groot sokkerjaar – 'n besondere mylpaal in ons land se geskiedenis. Vir die Fakulteit Teologie aan die Universiteit van die Vrystaat het daar in 2010 nog 'n belangrike mylpaal bygekom toe die Fakulteit haar dertigste bestaansjaar gevier het. As Fakulteit kon ons met trots en dankbaarheid terugkyk op 30 bevoorregte jare van diens aan die akademie, die Universiteit, die kerk en die gemeenskap. Die dinamiese aard van die Fakulteit is gedurende 2010 opnuut onderstreep deur 'n hele paar besondere gebeurtenisse: Vroeg in die jaar het die SA

Werksgemeenskap vir Missiologie hulle jaarvergadering aan die UV gehou. Kort hierna is 'n baie suksesvolle kongres onder leiding van prof. Rian Venter oor die beoefening van teologie aan 'n publieke universiteit aangebied, met verskeie internasionale sprekers.

Die volgende belangrike gebeurtenis was die amptelike opening van die Yale-UV Jonathan Edwardsentrum. Deur hierdie belangrike sentrum en strategiese vennootskap met Yale Universiteit is die Fakulteit Teologie nou uitstekend geposisioneer om op hierdie terrein 'n belangrike internasionale bydrae te lewer. Saam met die amptelike opening van hierdie sentrum het twee nuwe buitengewone professore ook hulle intreerendes gelewer: Proff. Hoffie Hofmeyr en Adriaan Neele. Verder het Shepherd 'n baie suksesvolle Winterweek vir geestelike leiers aangebied. Kort hierna is 'n uiters suksesvolle Internasionale Calvynnavorsingskongres onder leiding van prof. Dolf Britz aangebied met 'n groot aantal internasionale akademici wat ons kampus besoek het.

In die tweede helfte van 2010 is die jaarvergadering van die Suid-Afrikaanse Teologiese Vereniging met groot sukses op ons kampus aangebied. Die Fakulteit het ook vir die eerste keer in haar bestaan 'n ereprofessor aangestel toe die wêreldbekende prof. Peter Lampe in die Departement Nuwe Testament aangestel is. Dit is 'n voorreg vir die Fakulteit om 'n akademikus van sy formaat aan ons Fakulteit te kon verbind. Tussen al hierdie bedrywighede deur het die normale werksaamhede van die Fakulteit voortgegaan: onderrig, navorsing en gemeenskapsdiens. Met hierdie verslag bied die Fakulteit Teologie graag 'n blik op 'n besondere jaar in ons Fakulteit se geskiedenis.

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Foreword

For South Africa, 2010 was the great year of soccer – an exceptional milestone in the history of our country. For the Faculty of Theology at the University of the Free State, an important milestone was added when the Faculty commemorated its thirtieth year of existence in 2010. As a Faculty, we can look back proudly and thankfully on 30 years of privileged service to the academy, the University, the church and the community. A number of exceptional events during 2010 once again underlined the dynamic nature of the Faculty: Early in the year, the Southern African Missiological Society held their annual meeting at the UFS. Shortly afterwards, a very successful congress about the practicing of theology at a public university was held under the direction of Prof. Rian Venter, involving various international speakers.

The next important event was the official opening of the Yale-UFS Jonathan Edwards Centre. With this important centre and strategic partnership with the Yale University, the Faculty of Theology is now

excellently positioned to make an important international contribution in this field. Coinciding with the official opening of this centre, two new professors extraordinaire also made their inaugural speeches: Profs. HOFFIE Hofmeyr and ADRIAAN NEELE. In addition, Shepherd presented a very successful Winter Week for spiritual leaders. Soon after that, an extremely successful international Calvin Research Congress was presented under the direction of Prof. DOLF BRITZ, with a large number of international academics visiting our campus.

In the last part of 2010, the annual meeting of the South African Theological Association was held with great success on our campus. For the first time in its history, the Faculty also appointed an honorary professor when Prof. Peter Lampe, who is well-known throughout the world, was appointed in the Department of New Testament. It is a privilege for the Faculty to have an academic of his stature associated to our Faculty. Along with all the mentioned events, the normal activities of the Faculty continued: instruction, research and community service. With this report, the Faculty of Theology provides a glimpse into an exceptional year in the history of our Faculty.

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Prof. Fanie Snyman, departementshoof, het van 1 Februarie – 31 Julie 2010 'n periode van navorsingsverlof geniet. Hy was gedurende dié tyd 'n navorsingsgenoot aan die Katholieke Universiteit Leuven in België waar hy toegang gehad het tot die teologiese biblioteek van die universiteit en waar hy waardevolle tyd aan navorsing kon bestee. Hy kon ook tydens sy verblyf aan die Katholieke Universiteit Leuven die jaarlikse *Colloquium Biblicum Lovaniense* LIX (CBL) bywoon wat elke jaar 'n bepaalde Bybelboek as tema van die kongres het. In 2010 (van 26–28 Julie) was die boek Josua die tema van die kongres en is die jongste tendense in die navorsing op die boek onder bespreking gebring. Prof. Snyman het verder ook die driejaarlikse kongres van die *International Organization for the Study of the Old Testament* aan die Universiteit van Helsinki in Finland (1–8 Augustus) bygewoon. Die kongres is een van die belangrikste kongresse wat in die wêreld van die Ou-Testamentiese wetenskap gehou word en Ou-Testamentici van reg oor die wêreld woon die kongres by. Hy het ook die kongres van die Projek Pentateugnavorsing wat aan die Universiteit van Pretoria gehou is, bygewoon.

Prof. Snyman het by twee geleenthede referate gelewer: By die kongres van die *International Organization for the Study of the Old Testament* aan die Universiteit van Helsinki, Finland, is 'n referaat gelewer waarin die tradisionele afbakening van perikope in Maleagi bevestig is en waartydens 'n nuwe voorstel gemaak is. By die kongres van die Projek Pentateugnavorsing aan die Universiteit van Pretoria is 'n referaat gelewer waarin daar geargumenteer is dat die slot van Maleagi (4:4–6) gelees sou kon word as die konvergensiepunt van die Profete-deel van die kanon, die Pentateug en die Psalms.



Tydens sy verblyf in Leuven, België het prof. Snyman afgekom op "Bloemfontein", 'n woonstelblok nie ver van die universiteit nie in een van die voorstede van Leuven. Die naambord "Bloemfontein" was omring deur rose tipes van Bloemfontein in Suid-Afrika.

Enkele belangrike publikasies:

Snyman, S.D.: Reading the Patriarchal narratives in the context of the exile. *NGTT* 51(3&4):125–134.

Snyman, S.D.: Preaching the Old Testament from a Christian pulpit. *Calvin Theological Journal* 45(2):304–316.

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Department of Old Testament

Prof. Fanie Snyman, the head of the department, was on sabbatical leave from 1 February to 31 July 2010. During this time, he was a research fellow at the Catholic University Leuven in Belgium, where he had access to the theological library of the university and could spend valuable time on research. During his stay at the Catholic University Leuven, he could attend the annual *Colloquium Biblicum Lovaniense* LIX (CBL), which every year takes a particular book of the Bible as the theme of the congress. In 2010 (from 26 to 28 July), the book of Joshua was the theme of the congress, and the latest tendencies in research on the book were discussed. Prof. Snyman also attended the three-yearly congress of the *International Organization for the Study of the Old Testament* at the University of Helsinki in Finland (1-8 August). The congress is one of the most important congresses held in the world of the Old Testament Science, and Old Testament scholars from all over the world attend the congress. He also attended the congress of the Project Pentateuch Research that was held at the University of Pretoria.

Some important publications:

Snyman, S.D.: Reading the Patriarchal narratives in the context of the exile. *NGTT* 51(3&4):125-134.

Snyman, S.D.: Preaching the Old Testament from a Christian pulpit. *Calvin Theological Journal* 45(2):304-316.

Prof. Snyman presented papers on two occasions: At the congress of the *International Organization for the Study of the Old Testament* at the University of Helsinki, Finland, a paper was presented in which the traditional demarcation of pericopes in Malachi was questioned and a new suggestion was made. At the congress of the Project Pentateuch Research at the University of Pretoria, a paper was presented in which it was argued that the conclusion of Malachi (4:4-6) could be read as the converging point of the Prophets section of the canon, the Pentateuch and the Psalms.

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Departement Nuwe Testament



Tydens die intreerede van ereprofessor: Proff. Francois Tolmie (Dekaan), Peter Lampe (Ereprofessor) en Hermie van Zyl (Hoof van Departement Nuwe Testament)

'n Besondere eer het die departement te beurt geval met die aanstelling van prof. Peter Lampe van die Universiteit van Heidelberg, Duitsland, as ereprofessor in die Nuwe Testament. Prof. Lampe het op 20 Oktober sy intreerede gelewer, met die titel "Theology and Rhetorics. How do *res* and *verba* relate to each other?" Prof. Lampe is 'n Nuwe-Testamentikus van wêreldformaat, en het ook argeologiese opgrawings in Turkye gedoen. Sy span was verantwoordelik vir die ontdekking van die lank verlore hoofkwartier van die Montanistiese beweging.



MTh-studente wat hulle M-grade in Bybelse Spiritualiteit ontvang het, saam met die dosente.

Prof. Hermie van Zyl het tydens 12-15 Julie 'n lesingreeks by die Justo Mwale University College of Theology (JMUCT) in Lusaka, Zambië, aangebied. Dit was ingevolge die ooreenkoms tussen laasgenoemde instansie en die UV om 'n gesamentlike meestersgraad in Bybelse Studies en Hermeneutiek aan te bied.

In April het die eerste groep meestersgraadstudente, wat hul studies in 2008 vir 'n MTh-grad in Bybelse Spiritualiteit begin het, hulle grade ontvang. Bybelse Spiritualiteit is wêreldwyd 'n nuwe rigting binne die bibliologie, en die UV is een van die eerstes wat 'n formele graadkursus op nagraadse vlak hierin aanbied. Prof. Pieter de Villiers, buitengewone professor in Bybelse Spiritualiteit aan die UV, is die programleier en dosent. Samewerking geskied ook met die wêreldbekende Titus Brandsma Instituut aan die Radboud Universiteit te Nijmegen, Nederland. 'n Nuwe groep studente vir hierdie kursus het in 2010 hulle studies begin. Proff. Kees Waaijman en Jos Huls, beide aan voormelde Instituut verbonde en voorste internasionale kenners op die gebied van Bybelse Spiritualiteit, het in April as dosente opgetree. Hierbenewens het prof. Huub Welzen van dieselfde instansie in September as dosent die ontmoeting met die studente waargeneem. Hy het ook 'n werksessie vir predikante en ander belangstellendes in Bloemfontein oor 'n spirituele lesing van die gelykenis van die barmhartige Samaritaan aangebied.

In 2010 is navorsingsbesoeke deur die volgende navorsers onderneem: Proff. Pieter de Villiers en Francois Tolmie het referate gelewer in Gloucestershire, Engeland, tydens 'n internasionale kongres oor Bybelse Spiritualiteit. Tolmie het ook in Julie 'n referaat gelewer by die kongres van die *Society of Biblical Literature* in Tartu, Estonië. Hierbenewens het prof. De Villiers 'n maandlange navorsingsbesoek aan die Radboud Universiteit in Nijmegen, Nederland, gebring, asook 'n reeks lesings in St. Petersburg in Rusland waargeneem.

Die departement het vanjaar ook twee doktorsgraadkandidate gehad wat hulle grade ontvang het, naamlik dr. Louis Herman van Suid-Afrika, en dr. Sang-Kue Lee van Suid-Korea. In beide gevalle was prof. Tolmie die promotor.

Prof. Van Zyl het op die redaksie gedien wat die *Nuwe Lewende Vertaling*, 'n projek van die Christelike Uitgewersmaatskappy (CUM), grondig hersien het. Hierdie publikasie sal later in 2012 verskyn. Prof. Van Zyl dien as voorsitter van die Bloemfonteinse Streekskomitee van die Bybelgenootskap in Suid-Afrika. Hy lewer ook gereelde bydraes in die rubriek "Woord en Perspektief" in *Volksblad*.

Proff. Tolmie en Van Zyl dien verder op die paneel van vertalers van die Bybelgenootskap van Suid-Afrika wat tans besig is met 'n nuwe bronteksgeoriënteerde Afrikaanse vertaling van die Bybel. Hierbenewens werk hulle ook aan 'n Interliniêre Vertaling van die Nuwe Testament, 'n projek van CUM.

Die departement het gedurende 2010 'n eksterne evaluering ondergaan. Proff. Fika Janse van Rensburg van die Noordwes-Universiteit en Gert Steyn van die Universiteit van Pretoria was die evalueerders. Tydens 'n besoek van twee dae in November is die hele spektrum van die departement se werksaamhede deeglik in oënskou geneem. Aanbevelings is gemaak wat opgevolg sal word om die dienslewering van die departement verder te verbeter. Tydens die besoek is daar ook 'n evaluering van die finalejaarstudente se eksamen gedoen.

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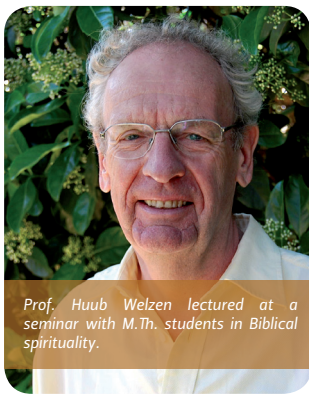
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Co-workers on the Interlinear Translation of the New Testament.

Department of New Testament



Prof. Huub Welzen lectured at a seminar with M.Th. students in Biblical spirituality.

An exceptional honour came the way of the department with the appointment of Prof. Peter Lampe of the University of Heidelberg, Germany, as honorary professor in New Testament. Prof. Lampe made his inaugural speech with the title “Theology and Rhetorics. How do *res* and *verba* relate to each other?” on 20 October. Prof. Lampe is a New Testament

scholar of world format, and he also did archaeological excavations in Turkey. His team was responsible for the discovery of the long-lost headquarters of the Montanistic movement.

From 12 to 15 July, Prof. Hermie van Zyl gave a series of lectures at the Justo Mwale University College of Theology (JMUCT) in Lusaka, Zambia. It was done in terms of the agreement between the latter institution and the UFS to present a joint master’s degree in Biblical Studies and Hermeneutics.

In April, the first group of master’s degree students who began their studies for the M.Th. degree in Biblical Spirituality in 2008 received their degrees. Biblical Spirituality is a new direction in bibliography worldwide, and the UFS is among the first to present a formal degree course in this on postgraduate level. Prof. Pieter de Villiers, professor extraordinaire in Biblical Spirituality at the UFS, is the programme leader and lecturer. There is also cooperation with the world-renowned Titus Brandsma Institute at the Radboud University in Nijmegen in the Netherlands. A new group of students for this course began their studies in 2010. Profs. Kees Waaijman and Jos Huls, both part of the above-mentioned institute and leading experts in the field of Biblical Spirituality, acted as lecturers in April. In addition, Prof. Huub Welzen, as a lecturer of the same institution, conducted the meeting with the students. He also presented a work session for clergymen and other interested persons in Bloemfontein on the subject of a spiritual reading of the parable of the good Samaritan.

In 2010 research visits were undertaken by the following researchers, namely Profs. Pieter de Villiers and Francois Tolmie who presented papers in Gloucestershire, England, during an international congress about Biblical Spirituality. In July, Prof. Tolmie also presented a paper at the congress of the *Society of Biblical Literature* in Tartu, Estonia.

In addition, Prof. De Villiers paid a month-long research visit to the Radboud University in Nijmegen in the Netherlands, and gave a series of lectures in St Petersburg in Russia.

This year, the department had two doctorate candidates who obtained their degrees, namely Dr Louis Herman of South Africa and Dr Sang-Kue Lee of South Korea. In both instances Prof. Tolmie was the promoter.

Prof. Van Zyl served on the editorial staff that fundamentally revised the *Nuwe Lewende Vertaling*, a project of CUM Books. This publication will be published later in 2012. Prof. Van Zyl serves as chairperson of the Bloemfontein Regional Committee of the Bible Society in South Africa. He regularly contributes in the column “Woord en Perspektief” in *Volksblad*.

Profs. Tolmie and Van Zyl also serve on the panel of translators of the Bible Society of South Africa, which is currently busy with a new, source text-orientated Afrikaans translation of the Bible. In addition, they are also working on an Interlinear Translation of the New Testament, a project of CUM Books.

During 2010, the department was evaluated externally. Prof. Fika Janse van Rensburg of the North-West University and Prof. Gert Steyn of the University of Pretoria were the evaluators. During a visit of two days in November, the full spectrum of activities of the department was reviewed thoroughly. Recommendations made will be followed up to increase the service delivery of the department further. During the visit, the examination of the final-year students was also evaluated.

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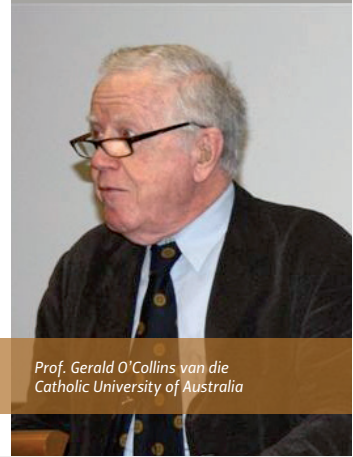
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Tydens die konferensie "Geloof, godsdiens en die publieke universiteit":
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(UV) en Wentzel van Huyssteen (Princeton, VSA)

Enkele belangrike publikasies

Potgieter, P.C.: The didactic nature of Calvin's *De Scandalis*. *Koers* 74(4): 643-660.

Van den Bosch, D.: Mission, medicine, and power: a Foucauldian perspective. *NGTT* 51(3&4):143-153.

Venter, R.: Trinity and beauty: The theological contribution of Jonathan Edwards. *NGTT* 51(3&4):185-192.

2010 was 'n bedrywige en betekenisvolle jaar vir die Departement Dogmatologie. Die organisering van twee konferensies het baie tyd en energie in beslag geneem, maar het goeie dividende opgelewer. Tydens 23 tot 24 Maart is 'n internasionale konferensie met die tema *Faith, Religion and the Public University* aangebied. Die doel hiervan was om 'n interdisiplinêre gesprek te stimuleer en om 'n duidelike boodskap aan die res van die universiteit te stuur dat die publiek van die teologie ook die akademie en die samelewing insluit en nie net die kerk nie. Bekende akademici van internasionale aansien soos proff. W van Huyssteen (Princeton), I. Phiri (KwaZulu-Natal) en A. van Niekerk (Stellenbosch) het as hoofsprekers opgetree. Ander sprekers het dissiplines soos teologie, sosiologie, regsweetenskap, fisika en filosofie verteenwoordig.

Vir die eerste keer in 22 jaar het die *Theological Society of South Africa* (TSSA) se jaarbyeenkoms by Kopsies plaasgevind. Verskeie bekende sprekers, selfs van Engeland, die VSA, Nederland en Swede, het by die kongres (29 September tot 1 Oktober) voordragte gelewer. Die tema was *Ecumenical movements in South Africa: Edinburgh 1910, Cottesloe 1960 and beyond*. Byeenkomste soos dié bied benewens diepgaande akademiese refleksie ook 'n uitstekende bemarkingsgeleentheid aan die universiteit en die fakulteit.

Die begeleiding van meesters- en doktorsgraadstudente vorm 'n belangrike komponent van die departement se aktiwiteite. 'n Goeie aantal studente het hul nagraadse werk voltooi; ses studente het gestruktureerde meestersgrade afgehandel en drie hul doktorale proefskrifte. Die navorsing op M-vlak het onder andere gehandel oor interessante temas soos feministiese teologie in Afrika, Godsbeelde in films, en etiese vorming en herstellende geregtigheid.

Dit is verder 'n prioriteit vir die departement om jaarliks 'n aantal internasionale gasdosente uit te nooi. Dit bou internasionale verhoudinge en stel studente bloot aan nuwe en verrykende idees. Gedurende 2010 het die volgende gasdosente hier opgetree:

- Prof. Wentzel van Huyssteen (Princeton Theological Seminary): *Human uniqueness? In search of the image of God* (22 Maart).
- Prof. Gerald O'Collins (Catholic University of Australia): *Current trends in Christology* (26 Julie).
- Prof. Toine van den Hoogen (Radboud Universiteit, Nijmegen), *Spirituality and the human body* (14 September).

Die departementshoof, prof. Venter, het die volgende akademiese referate gelewer:

- 8-10 Maart: Inwyding van die Jonathan Edwards Center Africa, UV: *Trinity and beauty: The theological contribution of Jonathan Edwards*.
- 23-24 Maart: Konferensie oor Faith, religion and the Public University, UV: *"To love God, the poor and learning": Towards an ethic of theological knowledge*.

Benewens hierdie akademiese referate het prof. Venter ook 'n hele aantal populêr-wetenskaplike voordragte by verskillende geleenthede gelewer, onder andere oor onderwerpe soos: *Teologie en wetenskapsfilosofie*, *God en sosiale geregtigheid*, *Etiek van ons bedienings- en teologiese agenda*, en *Etiese besluitneming*.

Benewens bogenoemde aktiwiteite was die departementshoof verder betrokke by etlike ander akademiese en samelewingsdiensgerigte aktiwiteite. 'n Module in Algemene Hermeneutiek is in Lusaka by die Justo Mwale Theological University College as deel van die gesamentlike meestersprogram aangebied. Verskeie artikels is vir geakkrediteerde tydskrifte ekstern geëvalueer (vyf), asook M-verhandelinge en D-proefskrifte vir ander universiteite (sewe). Redaksionele werk vir die NGTT het ook heelwat tyd in beslag geneem. Op kerklike gebied is daar etlike kere gepreek (agt) en is daar diens gelewer aan die kerk as voorsitter van die Kommissie vir Leer en Aktuele Sake.

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Prof. R. Venter (right) with graduates (from left): C. Hamman, R. Malowa and L. Banda.

Department of Dogmatology

The year 2010 was a busy and significant year for the Department of Dogmatology. Organising two conferences took much time and energy but paid good dividends. On 23–24 March an international conference with the theme *Faith, Religion and the Public University* was presented; the aim being to stimulate interdisciplinary discourse and to send a clear signal to the rest of the university that the public of theology also includes the academy and society and not only the church. Renowned academics of international stature, including Profs. W. van Huyssteen (Princeton), I. Phiri (KwaZulu-Natal) and A. van Niekerk (Stellenbosch) addressed the conference as main speakers. Other speakers represented disciplines like theology, sociology, science of law, physics and philosophy.

For the first time in 22 years, the annual conference of the *Theological Society of South Africa* (TSSA) took place at Kopsies. Several well-known speakers, even from England, the USA, the Netherlands and Sweden, gave presentations at this congress (29 September to 1 October). The theme was *Ecumenical movements in South Africa: Edinburgh 1910, Cottesloe 1960 and beyond*. Apart from in-depth academic reflection, conferences like this also provide an excellent marketing opportunity to the university and the faculty.

Guidance of master's and doctoral students forms an important component of the activities of the department. A good number of students completed their postgraduate work; six students completed structured master's degrees, and three completed their doctoral theses. Amongst others, research on master's level dealt with interesting themes like feminist theology in Africa, images of God in films, ethical formation and justice of rectification.

Furthermore, it is a priority of the department to invite a number of international guest lecturers annually. It builds international relations and exposes students to new and enriching ideas. During 2010, the following persons acted as guest lecturers:

- Prof. Wentzel van Huyssteen (Princeton Theological Seminary): *Human uniqueness? In search of the image of God* (22 March).
- Prof. Gerald O'Collins (Catholic University of Australia): *Current trends in Christology* (26 July).
- Prof. Toine van den Hoogen (Radboud University, Nijmegen): *Spirituality and the human body* (14 September).



Zambian students in Lusaka with Prof. R. Venter. M.Th. programme in Biblical Hermeneutics.

The head of department, Prof. Venter, presented the following academic papers:

- 8–10 March: Inauguration of the Jonathan Edwards Centre Africa, UFS: *Trinity and beauty: The theological contribution of Jonathan Edwards*.
- 23–24 March: Conference regarding Faith, Religion and the Public University, UFS: *"To love God, the poor and learning": Towards an ethic of theological knowledge*.

Apart from these academic papers, Prof. Venter also made a number of popular scientific presentations on various occasions, amongst others on the subject of *Theology and philosophy of science, God and social justice, Ethics of our ministry and theological agenda, and Ethical decision-making*.

In addition to the above-mentioned activities, the Head of Department was involved in several other academic activities and activities directed at community service. A module in General Hermeneutics was presented at the Justo Mwale Theological University College as part of the joint master's programme. Various articles for accredited magazines were evaluated externally (five), as well as master dissertations and doctoral theses for other universities (seven). Editorial work for the NGTT also took much time. Several sermons were held (eight) in churches, and services were rendered to the church as chairperson of the Doctrine and Current Affairs Commission.

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Departement Praktiese Teologie

Die Departement Praktiese Teologie het 'n opwindende jaar beleef. Terwyl die normale akademiese bedrywighede voortgegaan het, het daar ook nuwe bedrywighede plaasgevind: Twee nuwe kollegas het by die departement aangesluit, en 'n nuwe honneurs- en magisterprogram is ontwikkel en bekend gestel. Nog 'n opwindende gebeurtenis was die feit dat die gemeentejaargroep uit studente van drie van die vier denominasies van die NG Kerk-familie bestaan het. Dit is die eerste keer in die geskiedenis wat dit gebeur.

Dr. Gordon Dames het in Januarie 2010 by die departement aangesluit met geloofsvorming as spesialiteitsveld. Ds. Joseph Pali is ook vanaf 1 Februarie 2010 'n voltydse personeellid van die departement. Prof. Kobus Schoeman is sedert 1 Januarie 2010 as departementshoof aangestel. Prof. Jan-Albert van den Berg was vir die eerste helfte van die jaar met navorsingsverlof. Daar is verder sewe voltydse en deeltydse personeellede aan die departement gekoppel wat met doseerwerk behulpsaam was. Die departement se akademiese navorsing is ook verder versterk deur 'n aantal navorsingsgenote wat aan die departement gekoppel is. Dr. David Keta, 'n jarelange kollega in die departement, sterf in Julie na 'n lang siekbed.

'n Nuwe program, getiteld 'n Honneurs en Magister in *Theologia Praxis*, is ontwikkel en bekendgestel. Deur dié program is nuwe deure geopen om met ander departemente en fakulteite van die universiteit saam te werk. Die departement is verder besig met 'n skakelingsprojek met dieselfde departement van die Universiteit van Stellenbosch. Dosente word op 'n jaarlikse basis uitgeruil. Dr. Ian Nell besoek gevolglik die plaaslike departement gedurende Oktober 2010 en behalwe vir 'n paar lesings bied hy ook 'n kursus vir predikante oor die predikant

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as 'n interpretatiewe gids aan. Dr. Dames verwerf 'n nagraadse Hoëronderswysdiploma oor Fasilitering in Leerpraktyk vanaf die UV.

Wat navorsing betref, is prof. Jan-Albert van den Berg vir die eerste ses maande op navorsingsverlof en die resultaat van die navorsing is 'n monografie, getiteld *An auto/biographical theologia habitus – Futures perspectives for the workplace*. Prof. Van den Berg voltooi ook, met lof, sy magisterstudie in Toekomststudie aan die Bestuurskool van die Universiteit van Stellenbosch. Prof. Schoeman en Van den Berg lewer 'n referaat by die PTSA-kongres oor "'n Waardering vir die positiewe! Waarderende betrokkenheid as 'n gemeentelike en pastorale proses." Prof. Kobus Schoeman is tans ook besig met die Kerkspieëlnavorsing – 'n omvattende opname binne die NG Kerk. Dit het in Augustus 2010 afgeskop en die resultate sal eers in 2011 beskikbaar wees. Hy was verder deel van 'n taalaudit met opdrag van die ATR (Afrikaanse Taal Raad) wat in die tweede helfte van die jaar onder die titel: *Kerktaalverslag: Taal-tegemoetkoming en taalvastheid in Afrikaanse kerklike gemeentes 2009* verskyn. Verder het dr. Gordon Dames 'n uitgebreide navorsingstoer na Unisa, die Universiteit van Pretoria, die Universiteit van Stellenbosch en verskeie kerklike rolspelers in kategorie en jeugwerk onderneem.

Al die dosente lewer gereeld referate by nasionale- en internasionale kongresse en publiseer vakwetenskaplike- en populêre publikasies. Beide prof. Johan van Rensburg en dr. Cas Wepener wat as navorsingsgenote aan die departement gekoppel is, is NNS-gegradeerde navorsers. Vanuit die pen van dr. Cas Wepener, 'n internasionaal-erkende navorser in Liturgiek, verskyn *Aan die tafel met Jesus. Leer ken Christus se tafelmaniere in Lukas en Handeling* by BM. Onder dr. Gordon Dames se redaksie is 'n boek, *Ethical leadership and the challenges of moral transformation* (SUN MeDIA) gepubliseer.



Department of Practical Theology

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The Department of Practical Theology experienced an exciting year. Normal academic activities continued, two new colleagues joined the department, and a new honours and master's programme was developed and introduced. Another exciting incidence was the fact that the congregational year group consisted of students of three of the four denominations of the Dutch Reformed Church family – the first time in the history of this faculty that this happened.

Dr Gordon Dames joined the department at the beginning of January 2010, with faith forming as a special field. Rev. Joseph Pali has also been a full-time staff member since 1 February 2010. Prof. Kobus Schoeman was appointed as the head of the department from January 2010. Prof. Jan-Albert van den Berg was on research leave for the first half of the year. In addition, seven full-time and part-time staff members were linked to the department to assist with lecturing. The academic research of the department was strengthened by a number of research fellows that were linked to the department. Dr David Keta, a colleague of many years' standing in the department, passed away in July after a long illness.

A new programme, titled an Honour and Master's in *Theologia Praxis*, was developed and introduced. With this programme, new doors were opened to work together with other departments and faculties at the university. The department is also involved in a liaison project with the same department at the University of Stellenbosch. Lecturers are exchanged annually. Consequently, Dr Ian Nell visited the local department during October 2010, and apart from a number of lectures, he also presented a course for ministers about the minister as an interpretative guide. Dr Dames obtained a postgraduate Higher Education Diploma on Facilitation in Learning Practice at the UFS.

With regard to research, Prof. Jan-Albert van den Berg was on research leave for the first six months, and the result of the research is a monograph titled *An auto/biographical theologia habitus – Futures*

perspectives for the workplace. Prof. Van den Berg also completed his master's in Future Study with distinction at the Management School of the University of Stellenbosch. Profs. Schoeman and Van den Berg presented a paper at the PTSA Congress on "An appreciation for the positive! Appreciative involvement as a congregational and pastoral process". Currently, Prof. Kobus Schoeman is also busy with *Church Mirror* research – a comprehensive survey in the Dutch Reformed Church. It began in August 2010 and will be completed in 2011. In addition, he was part of a language audit by order of the ATR (Afrikaans Language Board) that was published in the second half of the year under the title *Kerktaalverslag: Taal-tegemoetkoming en taalvastheid in Afrikaanse kerklike gemeentes 2009 (Church language report: Language accommodation and language consistency in Afrikaans church congregations 2009)*. Dr Gordon Dames also undertook an extensive research tour to Unisa, the University of Pretoria, the University of Stellenbosch and several church role players in catechesis and youth work.

All the lecturers regularly present papers at national and international congresses and publish articles in research and popular journals. Prof. Johan van Rensburg and Dr Cas Wepener, who are linked to the department as research fellows, are both NRF-graded researchers. From the pen of Dr Cas Wepener, an internationally acknowledged researcher in liturgics, *Aan die tafel met Jesus. Leer ken Christus se tafelmaniere in Lukas en Handeling (At the table with Jesus. Learn to know Christ's table manners in Luke and Acts)* was published by BM. Under the editorship of Dr Gordon Dames, a book titled *Ethical leadership and the challenges of moral transformation (SUN MeDIA)* was published.



Dr. O.A.O. Göranzon en prof. P.J. Strauss tydens die Lentegradeplegtigheid 2010.

Departement Ekklesiologie

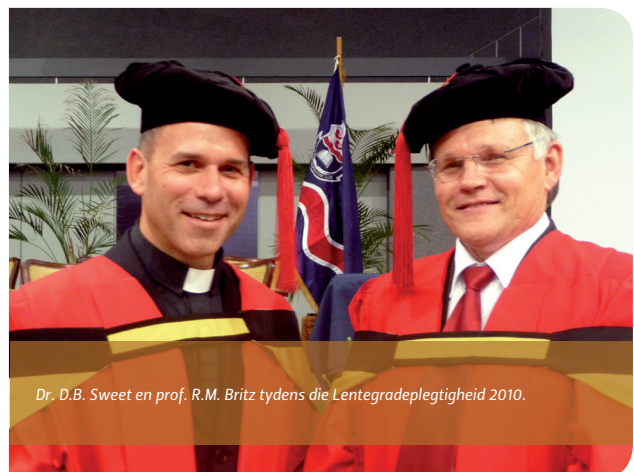
Departement Ekklesiologie probeer voortdurend om op 'n sinvolle manier uitvoering te gee aan sy opdrag tot onderrig, navorsing en samelewingsdiens. Laasgenoemde geskied nie alleen deur direkte akademiese diens nie, maar ook deur middel van indirekte akademiese diens waar van die personeel by kerklike diens betrokke is. Prof. P.J. Strauss, departementshoof, is sedert 1990 lid van die Algemene Taakspan Regte van die Ned. Geref. Kerk. Hy was voorheen die ondervoorsitter van die bogenoemde Taakspan, maar het uit die pos bedank nadat hy in 2002 assessor en in 2007 moderator van die Ned. Geref. Kerk geword het. Hy word gereeld versoek om kerkregtelike advies aan kerklidmate te gee.

Benewens al die voorgraadse werk het die departement 'n goeie getal studente op honneurs-, meesters- en doktorale vlak. Hierdie nagraadse getal is in 2008 deur die eksterne evalueerders van die departement aangedui as die maksimum wat met twee voltydse personeellede – prof. R.M. Britz se opdrag is in 2009 na 'n een-agste pos verander – hanteer kan word. Nadat prof. Britz vanaf 1 Julie 2009 voltydys na die kantoor van die Vise-Rektor vir Akademiese Beplanning verskuif is, het ds. Jan Lubbe as tydelike dosent sewe agtstes van sy lesings oorgeneem. Hy het in 2010 dus dié lesings sowel as sy pastorale werk in die NG Kerk Berg-en-Dal behartig.

Twee studente het in 2010 hulle D-grade in die departement verwerf. Uit Swede het O.A.O. Göranzon sy DPhil onder leiding van prof. Strauss met 'n proefskrif getitel, "The prophetic voice of the South African Council of Churches after 1990 – searching for a renewed Kairos" verwerf. Uit Kanada het D.B. Sweet onder leiding van prof. Britz met die proefskrif "Apostolate of the réfractaire and émigré priests in the pastoral formation of the laity in Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia, 1792-1853: Considerations for the post-Vatican II catholic church" gepromoveer.

Die akademiese betrokkenheid en vermoë van die departement is in 2010 deur twee gebeurtenisse verbreed deur die inisiatief van prof. Britz. Die

eerste geleentheid was die stigting van die Jonathan Edwardsentrum Afrika waarby prof. Adriaan Neele van die Jonathan Edwards Sentrum by Yale Universiteit in die VSA ook deelyds betrokke is. Hierdie sentrum, met prof. Britz aan die hoof, spits hom toe op die studie van hierdie bekende historiese figuur wat filosoof, teoloog en rektor van Yale was. Belangstelling in Edwards het die afgelope tyd wêreldwyd toegeneem. Die tweede geleentheid was die aanbidding van die vierjaarlikse Internasionale Kongres oor Calvynnavorsing van 22-27 Augustus 2010 vanuit die departement. Laasgenoemde is deur ongeveer 90 belangstellendes, waarvan 70 buitelanders en 20 Suid-Afrikaners is, bygewoon. Deelnemers van sover as die VSA, Brittanje, Duitsland, Switserland, Suid-Korea en Nederland het vir die kongres in Bloemfontein opgedaag. Die kongres is



Dr. D.B. Sweet en prof. R.M. Britz tydens die Lentegradeplegtigheid 2010.

deur waarnemers as 'n besondere sukses beskryf. Prop. A. Labuschagne, navorsingsassistent by Ekklesiologie, het 'n belangrike aandeel aan die reëlings van die kongres gehad.

Met die opening van die Edwardssentrum het twee persone ook hulle intrede as buitengewone hoogleraars in die departement gemaak: Proff. J.H. Hofmeyr (vroeër by UP) en A. Neele (Yale Universiteit, VSA). Laasgenoemde verleen ook hulp met die aanbidding van die voorgraadse module in die geskiedenis van die reformasie en by die Edwardssentrum.

Prof. Strauss het in Augustus 2010 'n handboek in die Kerkreg gepubliseer met die titel *Kerk en orde vandag. Met die klem op die NG Kerk*. Hierdie boek is goed deur resensente ontvang en reeds by drie Suid-Afrikaanse universiteite voorgeskryf.

Die Departement Ekklesiologie geniet akademiese erkenning vir sy kerkhistoriese en kerkregtelike rol in Suid-Afrika en in die buiteland. Behalwe genoemde twee geleenthede soos reeds na verwys, illustreer die herkoms van die nagraadse studente dit ook.

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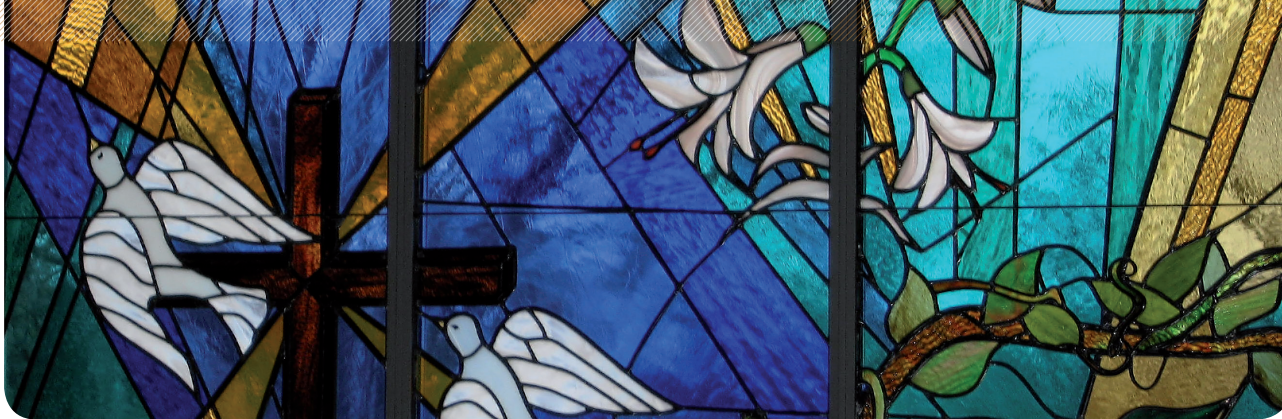
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Department of Church History and Polity

The Department of Church History and Polity continually endeavours to achieve its mission with regard to meaningful teaching, research and community service. The latter does not occur only by direct academic service, but also by indirect academic service in which some staff members are involved in ecclesiastical service. The head of department, Prof. P.J. Strauss, has been a member of the General Synod Task Team Church Order of the Dutch Reformed Church since 1990. He previously was the vice chairperson of the task team, but he resigned from the post after he had become the assessor of the Dutch Reformed Church in 2002 and the moderator in 2007. He is requested regularly to give ecclesiastical advice to church members.

Besides all the undergraduate work, the department has a good number of students on honours, master's and doctoral levels. In 2008, the external evaluators of the department indicated this postgraduate number as the maximum that can be managed by two full-time personnel members – Prof. R.M. Britz's charge was changed to a one-eighth post in 2009. After Prof. Britz has been moved fulltime to the office of the Vice-Rector for Academic Planning from 12 July 2009, Rev. Jan Lubbe took over seven-eighths of his lectures as a temporary lecturer. In 2010, he managed these lectures as well as his pastoral work in the Dutch Reformed Church Berg-en-Dal.

In 2010, two students obtained their doctoral degrees in the department. Under the guidance of Prof. Strauss, O.A.O. Göranson from Sweden obtained his D.Phil. with a thesis titled "The prophetic voice of the South African Council of Churches after 1990 – searching for a renewed Kairos". Under the guidance of Prof. Britz, D.B. Sweet from Canada graduated with a thesis titled "Apostolate of the réfractaire and émigré priests in the pastoral formation of the laity in Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia, 1792–1853: Considerations for the post-Vatican II catholic church."

Two events, with the initiative of Prof. Britz, enlarged the academic involvement and ability of the department in 2010. The first occasion was the establishment of the Jonathan Edwards Centre Africa, in which Prof. Adriaan Neele of the Jonathan Edwards Center at Yale University in the USA is also involved part-time. This centre, headed by Prof. Britz, focuses on studying the renowned historic figure who was a philosopher, theologian and rector of Yale. Lately, interest in Edwards has been increasing worldwide. The second occasion was the presentation of the four-yearly International Congress on the subject of Calvin Research by the department from 22 to 27 August 2010. The latter was attended by approximately 90 interested persons, of whom 70 were foreigners and 20 South Africans. Participants from as far as the USA, Britain, Germany, Switzerland, South Korea and the Netherlands visited Bloemfontein for the congress. Observers described the congress as a notable success. Research assistant at Ecclesiology, Prop. A. Labuschagne, played an important role in arrangements for the congress.

With the opening of the Edwards Centre, two persons made their entry in the department as professors extraordinaire: Profs. J.H. Hofmeyr (earlier at UP) and A. Neele (University of Yale, USA). The latter also assisted with presenting the undergraduate module on the history of the Reformation and at the Edwards Centre.

In August 2010, Prof. Strauss published a handbook on church law titled *Kerk en orde vandag. Met die klem op die NG Kerk. (Church and order today. With emphasis on the Dutch Reformed Church)*. Reviewers received the book well, and it is already prescribed at three universities.

The Department of Church History and Polity enjoys academic recognition for its church-historic and ecclesiastical role in South Africa and abroad. Besides the mentioned two occasions, the origin of postgraduate students also illustrates this.

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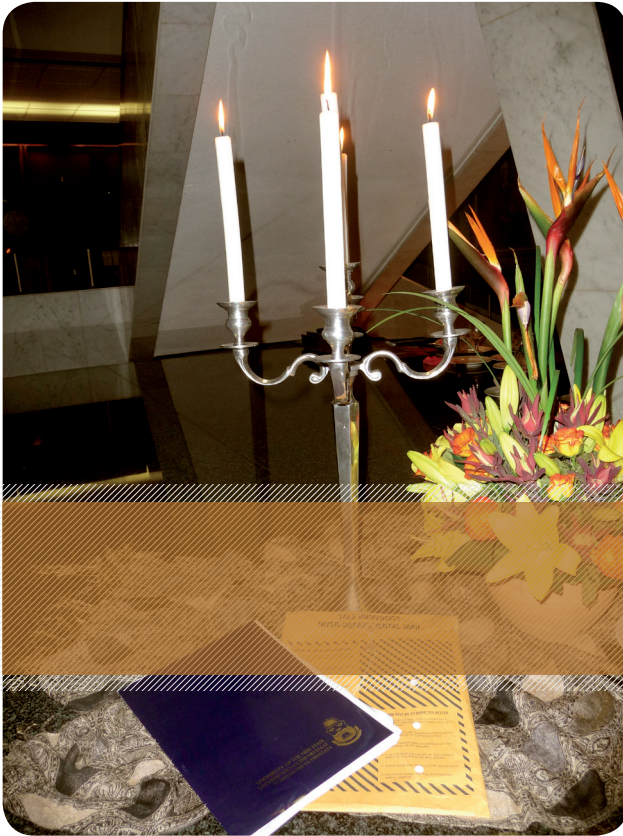
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Jonathan Edwardssentrum Afrika



Die Jonathan Edwardssentrum Afrika (hierna *Sentrum*) aan die Universiteit van die Vrystaat in Suid-Afrika funksioneer as 'n geaffilieerde van die Jonathan Edwards Center aan die Universiteit van Yale, VSA, binne die raamwerk van nasionale en internasionale samewerking, met Afrika as die vernaamste belangstellingsterrein en aktiwiteit daarvan.

In 'n gevestigde en ontlukende netwerk van vennootskappe met akademiese instellings en kerke is die Fakulteit Teologie (UV) strategies geposisioneer om die groeiende behoefte, uitdagings en geleenthede vir volhoubare teologiese opleiding, verdere opleiding, opvoeding en navorsing in die Suider-Afrika streek te hanteer. Dit word gedoen binne die perke van die amptelik erkende en geakkrediteerde kwalifikasieraamwerk. As 'n sleutelrolspeler in hierdie verband, bevorder en fasiliteer die *Sentrum* histories-teologiese navorsing asook die kommunikasie en publikasie van grondliggende kennis van Jonathan Edwards, sy lewe en werk, met die klem op hoofbronne en die invloed daarvan in Afrika-kerke en -teologie.

Sedert die suksesvolle inwyding van die *Sentrum* in Maart 2010 (<http://edwards.yale.edu/gallery>), het die *Sentrum*:

- ♦ ditself in Suid-Afrika as 'n erkende navorsingseenheid ten opsigte van Jonathan Edwards-studies, met besondere aandag aan klassieke teologiese studies, gevestig. Vennootskappe met die volgende instellings word verken: George Whitefield Kollege in Muizenberg, Suid-Afrika; Morija Teologiese Kweekskool, Lesotho

Evangeliese Kerk; Mukanyo Teologiese Kollege, Kwandabele; Universiteit van Fort Hare, Fort Hare; die Fakulteite van Teologie aan die Noordwes-Universiteit (Potchefstroom) en Universiteit Stellenbosch;

- ♦ grondliggende navorsing oor Edwards en sy invloed in Afrika gefasiliteer en gestimuleer deur verskeie gegradueerde studie-seminare te organiseer: Pretoria (Mei 2010: bywoning 24) en Bloemfontein (twee seminare, Augustus 2010: bywoning van beide seminare was 21, insluitende studente van Stellenbosch en Noordwes-Universiteit);
- ♦ jong en ontwikkelende navorsers op die kontinent van Afrika bemagtig deur 'n magisterstudent van Lesotho en vyf studente aangaande hul PhD-studievoorstelle te adviseer;
- ♦ fondse van die Nasionale Navorsingstigting vir die "Edwards en Armoede"-studieprojek bekom, asook fondse van die internasionale kantoor van die UV om navorsing, konferensies en seminare oor Edwards-studies te stimuleer;
- ♦ agt internasionale PhD-studente in die PhD-program van die Jonathan Edwardssentrum Afrika betrek;
- ♦ in samewerking met die Yale Divinity School en IDC/Brill die Morija Argiewe oor digitalisering gefasiliteer;
- ♦ die aanlyn-ondersteunde onderrig van 'n module oor Kerkgeskiedenis gefasiliteer; en
- ♦ vyf navorsingsuitsette gelewer en prof. Ken Minkema as 'n navorsingsgenoot aangestel.

Die *Sentrum* geniet tans positiewe sigbaarheid in die hoër bestuur van die UV asook deur studente en voornemende studente aan die UV en ander universiteite. Die groeiende aantal navrae vir magister- of PhD-studies is bemoedigend, hoewel slegs 'n geselekteerde aantal studente toegelaat sal word. Om internasionale navorsing oor Edwards te fasiliteer, mag ons oorweeg om 'n *Internasionale Kongres oor Edwards-navorsing* te vestig (gemodelleer volgens die Internasionale Kongres oor Calvin-navorsing), met die presidium van ledevertegenwoordigers van die JEC-sentra van Yale, Afrika, Australië, Benelux, Brasilië, Duitsland en Pole.

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The Jonathan Edwards

Center Africa at the University of the Free State

Jonathan Edwards Centre Africa

The *Jonathan Edwards Centre Africa* (henceforth *Centre*) at the University of the Free State in South Africa operates as an affiliate of the Jonathan Edwards Center at Yale University, USA, within the framework of national and international cooperation, with Africa as its main field of interest and activity. In an established and emerging network of partnerships with academic institutions and churches, the Faculty of Theology (UFS) is strategically positioned to address the growing need, challenges and opportunities for sustainable theological training, further training, education and research in the Southern African region. This is done within the parameters of the officially recognised and accredited qualifications framework. As a key role player in this regard, the *Centre* advances and facilitates historical-theological research as well as the communication and publication of fundamental knowledge of Jonathan Edwards, his life and work, with the emphasis on primary sources and its influence in African churches and theology.

Since the successful inauguration of the *Centre* in March 2010 (<http://edwards.yale.edu/gallery>), the *Centre* has:

- established itself in South Africa as a recognised research unit with regard to Jonathan Edwards studies, with particular attention to classical theological studies. Partnerships with the following institutions are explored: George Whitefield College at Muizenberg, South Africa; Morija Theological Seminary, Lesotho Evangelical Church; Mukanyo Theological College, Kwandabele; University of Fort Hare, Fort Hare; the Faculties of Theology at North-West University (Potchefstroom) and Stellenbosch University;
- facilitated and stimulated fundamental research about Edwards and his influence in Africa by organising several graduate study seminars: Pretoria (May 2010: attendance 24) and Bloemfontein (twice, August 2010: attendance of both seminars was 21, including students of Stellenbosch and North-West University);
- been empowering young and upcoming researchers on the continent of Africa by advising a master's student of Lesotho and five students on their Ph.D. study proposals;
- obtained National Research Foundation funds for the study of "Edwards and Poverty" project, as well as funds of the inter-

national office of the UFS to stimulate research, conferences, and seminars on Edwards Studies;

- engaged eight international Ph.D. students in the Jonathan Edwards Centre Africa's Ph.D. programme;
- facilitated the Morija Archives, Lesotho, on digitalisation in cooperation with Yale Divinity School and IDC/Brill;
- facilitated the online-assisted teaching of a module on Church History; and
- delivered five research outputs and appointed Prof. Ken Minkema as research fellow.

The *Centre* currently enjoys positive visibility in the upper management of the UFS, as well as by students, and prospective students at the UFS and other universities. The increased number of enquiries for master's or Ph.D. studies is encouraging, though only a selected number of students will be admitted. To facilitate international research on Edwards, we may consider establishing an *International Congress on Edwards Research* (modelled after the International Congress on Calvin Research) having as presidium member representatives of the JEC Centres of Yale, Africa, Australia, Benelux, Brazil, Germany and Poland.



Prof. Jonathan Jansen (front right), rector of the UFS, signs the agreement between Yale University and the UFS.

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Departement Sendingwetenskap

Verskeie aspekte van die uitdagings wat aan Sendingwetenskap as dissipline gestel word, is in 2010 deur die Department Sendingwetenskap hanteer. Van 13-15 Januarie 2010 was die departement verantwoordelik vir die SAMS (*Southern African Missiological Society*) se jaarkongres in Bloemfontein. Die wêreldbekende sendingkundige prof. J.A.B. Jongeneel het tydens die kongres opgetree. Verder is 'n navorsingsbesoek op 26 Februarie deur prof. P. Verster aan die NWU te Potchefstroom gebring en 'n seminarie by Unisa, Pretoria, op 17 April oor die sendingteologie (*Constants in Context*) bygewoon. Prof. P. Verster het ook op 23 Maart 'n referaat met die titel "The task and place of Missiology at the Public University" by die kongres oor *Religion, Faith and the Public University* aan die Fakulteit Teologie, UV, gelewer. Die departement was ook betrokke by die reëlings van die VBO Winterweek van 24-26 Mei in Bloemfontein wat gehandel het oor "Die impak van die missionêre gemeente". Die Departement Sendingwetenskap was verantwoordelik vir die uitnodiging van dr. Daryl Balia wat tydens dié week opgetree het. Dr. Frans Hancke en prof. Phil Robinson, beide navorsingsgenote van die departement, het referate by die geleentheid gelewer.

Prof. Verster het ook 'n kongres in Duitsland (28-30 Julie 2010) te Bad Staffelstein bygewoon en 'n referaat gelewer. Navorsingsbesoeke is verder aan die *Evangelische Zentralstelle für Weltanschauungsfragen* in Berlyn (gedurende 2-6 Augustus) en ook aan instellings in Götenburgh in Swede (van 9-17 Augustus) gebring. Op 19 Oktober is 'n navorsingsbesoek deur prof. Verster aan die Gemeenskapsdiens-afdeling van die Fakulteit Teologie op Stellenbosch gebring en op 20 Oktober is die *Connect 2010*-kongres wat in verband met die Lausanne 2010-kongres staan, in Goodwood, Kaapstad bygewoon.

Die referaat wat in Bad Staffelstein gelewer is, naamlik "Empowering the poor: The Bible and the poor in informal settlements in Africa" sal elektronies in die kongresvolume "Bible and Politics in Africa" in die reeks "Bible in Africa Studies (BiAS)", Bamberg: University of Bamberg

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Prof. Pieter Verster tydens die kongres in Bad Staffelstein.

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Dr. Gideon van der Watt, navorsingsgenoot van die departement, was by Christelike Lektuurfonds se ontwikkeling van studiemateriaal vir kerke in Afrika betrokke. Dit sluit veral ook kategesemateriaal in. Dr. Van der Watt was ook by die ontwikkeling van studiemateriaal vir die NG Kerk op Algemene Sinodale vlak, aangaande die nuwe verstaan van die kerk se sendinggroeping, betrokke.

Enkele belangrike publikasies

Verster, P.: Armoede, gelykheid en 'n herbesinning oor ekonomiese bestaan: 'n Christelik-etiese benadering. *NGTT* 51(3&4):193-204.

Van der Watt, G.: Recent developments and challenges in understanding the DR Family of churches' missional identity and calling. *NGTT* 51(3&4):164-176.

Dr. Frans Hancke is betrokke by 'n inisiatief om die materiaal van die *Die plan* wat hy ontwikkel het aan die *Transformation Church of India* deur te gee. Ds. Das, 'n leier van dié kerke, het onlangs hieroor opleiding in Suid-Afrika by dr. Hancke ontvang.

Dr. Andries Hoffman was in 2010 verantwoordelik vir die Diensleerprogram van die departement en het 'n produktiewe kursus, waartydens studente aan die ontwikkeling van gemeenskappe blootgestel is, onder andere by Torings van Hoop, die middestads-aksie in Bloemfontein, aangebied.

Navorsingstemas wat deur meestersstudente en 'n honneursstudent hanteer is, lewer gedurende 2010 ook 'n belangrike bydrae oor die sendingtaak van die kerk.



Department of Missiology

Various aspects of the challenges posed to Missiology as a discipline were addressed by the Department of Missiology in 2010. The department was responsible for the annual congress of SAMS (*Southern African Missiological Society*) held in Bloemfontein from 13 to 15 January 2010. The world-renowned mission expert, Prof. J.A.B. Jongeneel, participated during the congress. Prof. P. Verster paid a research visit to the NWU in Potchefstroom on 26 February and attended a seminar on mission theology (*Constants*

Berlin (from 2 to 6 August) and to institutions in Göttenburgh in Sweden (from 9 to 17 August). On 19 October, Prof. Verster paid a research visit to the Community Service Department of the Faculty of Theology in Stellenbosch, and on 20 October, he attended the *Connect 2010* Congress, which is in connection with the Lausanne 2010 congress, in Goodwood, Cape Town.

The paper that was presented at Bad Staffelstein, namely “Empowering the poor: The Bible and the poor in informal settlements in Africa” will be published electronically in the congress volume “Bible and Politics in Africa” in the series “Bible in Africa Studies (BiAS)”, Bamberg: University of Bamberg Press. Web address: http://www.opus-bayern.de/uni-bamberg/schriftenreihen_ebene2.php?sr_id=20&la=de.

Dr Gideon van der Watt, a research fellow of the department, was involved in the development of study material by the Christian Literature Fund for churches in Africa. It also includes catechesis material in particular. Dr Van der Watt was also involved in developing study material for the Dutch Reformed Church at the General Synod level on the subject of the new understanding of the mission calling of the church.

Dr Frans Hancke is involved in an initiative to pass the material he has developed for *Die plan (The Plan)* on to the *Transformation Church of India*. Dr Hancke recently trained Rev. Das, a leader of these churches, in this in South Africa.

In 2010, Dr Andries Hoffman was responsible for the Service Training Programme of the department and presented a fruitful course in which students were exposed to the development of communities, amongst others at Torings van Hoop (Towers of Hope), the action in the Bloemfontein city centre.

Research themes dealt with by master’s students and an honours student during 2010 made important contributions to the mission task of the church.

in Context) at Unisa in Pretoria on 17 April. On 23 March, Prof. P. Verster presented a paper titled “The task and place of Missiology at the Public University” at the congress *Religion, Faith and the Public University* held by the Faculty of Theology at the UFS. The department was also involved in arrangements for the VBO Winter Week of 24–26 May in Bloemfontein, which was about “The impact of the missionary congregation”. The Department of Missiology was responsible for inviting Dr Daryl Balia, who gave presentations during that week. Dr Frans Hancke and Prof. Phil Robinson, both research fellows of the department, presented papers on that occasion.

Prof. Verster attended a congress at Bad Staffelstein in Germany, where he presented a paper (28–30 July 2010). Research visits were paid to the *Evangelische Zentralstelle für Weltanschauungsfragen* in



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Departement Religiekunde



2010 was die eerste jaar dat ds. Sukdaven die pos as departementshoof van Religiekunde waargeneem het. Dit was 'n uitdagende jaar vir die departement, veral met die toename in getalle van studente wat vir die twee eerstejaarkursusse in Religiöse Opvoeding geregistreer het. Die departement het baie uitdagings met die hulp van Ronel Ellis en Eunice Poley oorkom; hulle het onder andere die aanpassing van die kursus vir *Blackboard* bemiddel. Daar is ook nuwe modules vir die hersiene BDiv-program geskep, wat baie navorsingswerk en korrespondensie met ander universiteite en kollegas aan die UV behels het.

Prof. Fanie Riekert het aan die einde van 2010 afgetree en is as 'n navorsingsgenoot in die departement aangestel. Buiten prof. Riekert, is dr. Obed Kealotse van die Universiteit van Botswana ook as 'n navorsingsgenoot in die departement aangestel.

'n PhD in Bybelstudies is aan dr. Anna de Jager op die ouderdom van 92 jaar toegeken – die oudste persoon wat 'n doktorsgraad aan die Universiteit van die Vrystaat ontvang het.

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Ds. Sukdaven het verskeie konferensies bygewoon wat gefokus het op kwessies wat die departement belangrik vind vir sy akademiese dissipline om sodoende op hoogte te bly met religie-opvoeding in die akademiese wêreld:

- ♦ Interdisiplinêre Simposium: In die Teenwoordigheid van Geloof (25-26 Februarie) – Universiteit van Johannesburg.
- ♦ Openbare Lesing: Geloof, Religie en die Openbare Universiteit.
- ♦ Internasionale Calvyn Konferensie (22-25 Augustus) – Universiteit van die Vrystaat.
- ♦ ASRSA (26-27 Augustus) – UNISA
- ♦ Twee Nasies en Drie Religieë in Israel en Palestina: Israel (30 Des – 11 Januarie 2010).
- ♦ Die Inwyding van die Jonathan Edwardssentrum.

Die Interreligiöse Forum wat deur die departement gestig is, het hierdie jaar uiters goed funksioneer en aan die aanbieding van ses mini-konferensies van ses verskillende religieë oor die onderwerp "Waarom is ek op aarde? Wat is my doel?" deelgeneem. Die Forum het ook 'n ontmoeting met die president van die Ramakrishna Sentrum van Suid-Afrika, Swami Vimokshananda, gehad.

Die departement was by die volgende aanbiedinge betrokke:

- ♦ Inleiding tot Hoofreligië in Suid-Afrika – Metodistekerk, Barkly-Oos.
- ♦ Voorbereiding en aanbieding van Eredienste – Hervormde Kerk in Afrika, Palmrif.

Die departement het ook uitstekende vooruitgang gemaak in die gebruik van elektroniese hulpbronne. Twee modules in Religiöse Opvoeding is vir *Blackboard*, tesame met die lesingaantekeninge en klastoetse, aangepas. 'n Totaal van 380 studente is in 2010 vir hierdie twee modules geregistreer.



Department of Religion Studies

2010 was the first year that Rev. Sukdaven assumed the position as head of the department of Religion Studies. It has been a challenging year for the department, especially with the increase in numbers of students registering for the two first-year courses in Religious Education. The department has overcome many hurdles with the help of Ronel Ellis and Eunice Poley, who were instrumental in adapting the course for *Blackboard*. New modules for the revised B.Div. programme were created, which entailed much research work and correspondence with other universities and colleagues at the UFS.

Prof. Fanie Riekert retired at the end of 2010 and was then appointed as a research associate in the department. Apart from Prof. Riekert, Dr Obed Kealotswe of the University of Botswana was also appointed as a research associate in the department.

Dr Anna de Jager was conferred a Ph.D. in Biblical Studies at the age of 92 years – the oldest person ever to receive a Ph.D. at the University of the Free State.

Rev. Sukdaven attended several conferences that focused on issues that the department found appealing for its academic discipline in keeping abreast with religion education in the academic world:

- ◆ Interdisciplinary Symposium: In the Presence of Faith (25-26 February) – University of Johannesburg.
- ◆ Public Conference: Faith, Religion and the Public University (23-24 March) – University of the Free State.
- ◆ International Calvin Conference (22-25 August) – University of the Free State.
- ◆ ASRSA (26-27 August) – UNISA.
- ◆ Two Nations and Three Religions in Israel and Palestine: Israel (30 Dec – 11 January 2010).
- ◆ The inauguration of the Jonathan Edwards Centre.



Swami Vimokshananda and Rev. Maniraj Sukdaven during Swami's visit to the Faculty.

The Interreligious Forum founded by the department functioned extremely well this year and participated in hosting six mini-conferences from six different religions on the topic "Why am I on earth? What is my purpose?" The Forum also had a meeting with the President of the Ramakrishna Centre of South Africa, Swami Vimokshananda.

Furthermore, the Department was involved in the following off-campus presentations:

- ◆ Introduction to Main Religions in South Africa – Methodist Church, Barkly East.
- ◆ Preparation and Presentation of Sermons – Reformed Church in Africa, Palm Ridge.

The department also made excellent progress in the use of electronic sources. Two modules in Religious Education were adapted for *Blackboard*, together with the lecture notes and class tests. A total of 380 students were registered for these two modules in 2010.

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Shepherd

Sentrum vir die Begeleiding van Geestelike Leiers



Dr. Gerhard Botha verwelkom kursusgangers by die VBO-geleentheid.



Dr. Gideon van der Watt (links), prof. Ernst Conradie en dr. Gerhard Botha tydens Winterweek 2010.

Gedurende 2010 was dit weer Shepherd se voorreg om geestelike leiers wat God se kudde versorg, te ondersteun. Shepherd doen hierdie ondersteuning deur op verskeie vlakke by Christelike geloofsgemeenskappe en hulle leiers betrokke te wees. Ondersteuning vind deurentyd op persoonlike vlak plaas, waar predikante met persoonlike en bedieningsbehoefes Shepherd konsulteer. Verder word verskeie gemeentes in die Vrystaat met evaluering van bestaande bedieningspatrone en die ontwikkeling van nuwe doelwitte ten opsigte van gemeente-ontwikkeling en -groei bygestaan. Sommige gemeentes is ook bygestaan deur advies met beroepingsprosesse te verleen.

Shepherd is vir die Voortgesette Bedieningsontwikkeling (VBO) van die NG Kerk in die Vrystaat verantwoordelik. Die VBO Winterweek 2010 was 'n hoogtepunt. Hierdie geleentheid het aangesluit by die 100-jaar herdenking van die Wêreld Sendingkonferensie wat in 1910 te Edinburgh gehou is. Dr. Daryl Balia van Edinburgh het as hoofspreeker tydens die konferensie opgetree. Die week is deur 60 predikante bygewoon. Gedurende 2010 het Shepherd ook 'n aantal ander VBO-opleidingsgeleenthede op eie inisiatief, of saam met 'n groterwordende netwerk en vennote aangebied, naamlik:

- ♦ UV Teologiese Dag.
- ♦ Liturgiek – Prof. Marcel Barnard, Bloemfontein, Bethlehem en Sasolburg.
- ♦ Learning Community, Mosaïek – Prof. Stephan Joubert.
- ♦ Fasiliterende Leierskap – Dr. Danie van Tonder.

- ♦ JONK – Vrystaat Padberaad: Werkswinkel in Kinderbediening; Bethlehem, Kroonstad, Bloemfontein.
- ♦ Doopgesprek: Gaan die doop deur diep waters? – Prof. Sybrand Strauss en dr. James Kirkpatrick.
- ♦ VBO-Winterweek: Die impak van die plaaslike missionêre gemeente – Dr. Daryl Balia.
- ♦ Retraite Menuha – Dr. Frans Hancke en prof. Kobus Kellerman.
- ♦ Current Trends in Christology – Prof. Gerald O'Collins.
- ♦ Werkswinkel, Spirituele lees van die Bybel (Die Barmhartige Samaritaan) – Dr. Huub Welzen.
- ♦ Die predikant as leier wat interpreteer – Dr. Ian Nel.
- ♦ Global Leadership Summit te Riebeeckstad (Videokonferensie).
- ♦ Werkswinkel saam met Sinodale Kommissie vir die erediens – Advent en Kersfees.

Bogenoemde verteenwoordig 126 uur van ontwikkelingsgeleenthede. Daar is 'n 45% toename in unieke registrasies van CPD Solutions vir die Vrystaat gedoen. Tydens genoemde geleentheid is daar 1,456 uur in totaal deur CPD Solutions by Shepherd geregistreer. Dit verteenwoordig net minder as 10% van die landwye registrasies, wat met die tendense binne ander Sinodale streke ooreenstem. Die uitdaging vir die VBO Advieskomitee bly steeds om relevante en bekostigbare geleentheid aan te bied.

Gedurende 2010 het Shepherd ook verantwoordelikheid aanvaar vir die akkreditering van VBO kursusse wat deur buite-instansies vir predikante van die NG Kerk aangebied word. Shepherd behartig die totale administrasie van die VBO-punte en gedurende 2010 het die stelsel baie uitgebrei. Daar is tans 822 unieke gebruikers op die stelsel. Gedurende 2010 is net meer as 14,000 VBO-ure geregistreer.

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Dr Daryl Balia in discussion with Proff. Francois Tolmie and Pieter Verster

Shepherd Centre for Assisting Spiritual Leaders

During 2010, Shepherd was again privileged to support spiritual leaders who care for God's flock. Shepherd provides this support by being involved with Christian faith communities and their leaders at various levels. Support takes place continually on a personal level when ministers consult Shepherd with regard to personal and ministerial needs. Additionally, several congregations in the Free State are supported with evaluation of existing ministerial patterns and the development of new objectives with regard to congregational development and growth. Some congregations are also supported by providing advice with regard to calling processes.

Shepherd is responsible for continued ministerial development (CMD) of the Dutch Reformed Church in the Free State. The CMD Winter Week 2010 was a highlight. This opportunity had a link with the centennial of the World Mission Conference held in Edinburgh in 1910. Dr Daryl Balia of Edinburgh acted as the main speaker during the conference. The week was attended by 60 ministers. During 2010, Shepherd also presented a number of other CMD training opportunities on its own initiative or together with a growing network and partners, namely:

- ♦ UFS – Theology Day.
- ♦ Liturgics – Prof. Marcel Barnard, Bloemfontein, Bethlehem and Sasolburg.
- ♦ Learning Community, Mosaic – Prof. Stephan Joubert.
- ♦ Facilitating Leadership – Dr Danie van Tonder.
- ♦ JONK – Free State Road show: Workshop for Child Ministry: Bethlehem, Kroonstad and Bloemfontein.
- ♦ Baptism interview: Is baptism going through deep waters? Prof. Sybrand Strauss and Dr James Kirkpatrick.



Dr Ian Nel (US) together with Prof. Kobus Schoeman (UFS) and Dr Gordon Dames (UFS)

- ♦ CMD Winter Week: The impact of the local missionary congregation – Dr Daryl Balia.
- ♦ Retraite Menuha – Dr Frans Hancke, Prof. Kobus Kellerman.
- ♦ Current Trends in Christology – Prof. Gerald O'Collins.
- ♦ Workshop, Spiritual reading of the Bible (The Good Samaritan) – Dr Huub Welzen.
- ♦ The minister as leader who interprets – Dr Ian Nel.
- ♦ Global Leadership Summit in Riebeeckstad (Video conference).
- ♦ Workshop with the Synodal Commission for Public Worship – Advent and Christmas.

The above-mentioned events represent 126 hours of developmental opportunities. A 45% increase in unique registrations was achieved on CPD Solutions for the Free State. CPD Solutions registered 1,456 hours in total with Shepherd during the mentioned opportunities. It represents just less than 10% of the countrywide registrations, which is in line with trends in other synodal regions. The challenge for the CMD Advice Committee remains to present relevant and affordable opportunities.

During 2010, Shepherd also accepted responsibility for accrediting CMD courses presented for ministers of the Dutch Reformed Church by instances outside. Shepherd manages the entire administration of the CMD points, and during 2010, the system was extended rapidly. Currently, there are 822 unique users on the system. During 2010, a little more than 14,000 CMD hours were registered.

Shepherd also reaches out to spiritual leaders of all churches, and especially to the younger and smaller churches that have a great and growing need for support. Shepherd is finalising an agreement with Dr Frans Hancke to present his course *The Plan* to church leaders of smaller and younger churches. This course will be presented in its launching phase in Bloemfontein, Kimberley and Welkom. Universal

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Shepherd vervolg ...

Shepherd reik ook na geestelike leiers van alle kerke uit en by veral die jonger en kleiner kerke bestaan daar 'n groot en groeiende behoefte vir ondersteuning. Shepherd finaliseer 'n ooreenkoms met dr. Frans Hancke om sy kursus *Die Plan* vir kerkleiers van kleiner en jonger kerke aan te bied. Hierdie kursus sal in 'n loodsfasie in Bloemfontein, Kimberley en Welkom aangebied word. Universal College Outcomes, een van

Shepherd se vennote in hierdie verband, sal hierdie opleiding fasiliteer deur van erkende instruktors gebruik te maak. Universal College Outcomes het dan gedurende 2010 begin om hierdie kursus binne hulle didaktiese model te ontwikkel.

Gedurende 2010 besoek dr. Gerhard Botha die Yale Divinity School as deel van 'n uitgebreide studietoer in die VSA. Ten tye van hierdie besoek het hy samesprekings met dr. Carolyn Engelhardt, die Direkteur van Yale se "Ministry Resource Centre." Dr. Botha sluit 'n voorlopige samewerkingsooreenkoms met dr. Engelhardt t.o.v. toekomstige uitruil van inligting. Die moontlikheid om 'n soortgelyke sentrum in Bloemfontein te open, is bespreek. Dr. Botha besoek ook die Calvin Theological Seminary, Fuller Theological Seminary en Princeton Theological Seminary, 17 gemeentes, woon lesings van ses dosente in teologiese opleiding, asook 'n 3-uur seminaar met prof. Eddie Gibbs, konsultasiesprekke met prof. Ken Callahan en dr. Brian McLaren by.

Navorsing in die Fakulteit Teologie

Reeds met die stigting van die Fakulteit Teologie in 1980 is spesiale klem op grondige navorsing op alle terreine van teologie geplaas. Gedurende die afgelope 30 jaar is hierdie navorsingskultuur gekweek en die vrugte van al die jare se harde werk kan gesien word. Personeel van die Fakulteit het nie slegs streeks-, nasionale en internasionale kongresse bygewoon nie, maar ook daaraan deelgeneem. Personeellede het as voorsitters by sulke vergaderings opgetree, referate gelewer en deelgeneem aan vakkundige besprekings wat deel was van akademiese kongresse.

Die fokus op navorsing kon gesien word in publikasies wat gelewer is. Lede van die Fakulteit het die vrugte van hulle navorsing in verskeie akademiese joernale (plaaslik en internasionaal) gepubliseer. Vir baie jare het universiteitsoverhede die uitset in terme van navorsingsartikels wat in geakkrediteerde akademiese joernale gepubliseer is, as bogemiddeld beoordeel. Sommige van ons personeellede het akademiese teksboeke gepubliseer, bygedra tot boeke wat vir die internasionale mark bedoel is, of monografieë in gewaardeerde akademiese reekse gepubliseer wat vir 'n vakkundige gehoor bedoel is.

'n Verdere aanduiding van die kultuur van grondige navorsing wat in die Fakulteit ingebed is, is die feit dat 'n redelike getal personeellede Nasionale Navorsingstigting (NNS)-gegradeerde navorsers is.

Die Fakulteit het nagraadse studente nie net van Suid-Afrika gelok nie, maar inderdaad van oral oor die wêreld, insluitende die res van Afrika, Europa, Asië en die VSA. Studente het ingeskryf vir 'n wye verskeidenheid van interessante magistergrade wat aangebied is, of hulle het ingeskryf vir doktorsale programme op terreine van hulle besondere keuses of belangstellings. Die resultate van hulle navorsing kan gesien word in voltooides doktorsale verhandelings en gepubliseerde artikels in akademiese joernale wat die resultate van hulle navorsing aan 'n wyer publiek bekendmaak.

Die Fakulteit het ook die voorreg gehad om verskeie akademiese kongresse gedurende 2010 aan te bied. Die Departement Missiologie het gedurende Januarie die kongres van die Suid-Afrikaanse Missiologiese Vereniging aangebied. In Augustus het die Fakulteit 'n internasionale kongres oor Calvyn-navorsing aangebied wat geleerdes uit alle dele van die wêreld gelok het. In September het die Departement Dogmatologie die kongres van die Teologiese Vereniging van Suid-Afrika (TVSA) aangebied. Die Fakulteit het ook 'n kongres oor die belangrike tema van "Geloof, Religie en die Publieke Universiteit" aangebied (23-24 Maart), waar onder andere die welbekende prof. Wentzel van Huyssteen van die Princeton Theological Seminary (VSA) een van die hoofsprekers was. Voorts het die Fakulteit debat oor teologiese kwessies gestimuleer met 'n nuwe inisiatief genaamd *Theology@lunch*, waar verskeie onderwerpe van belang bespreek is.

Die Yale-UV Jonathan Edwardssentrum is formeel in 2010 geloods.

Verskeie geleerdes van onder andere die VSA, Duitsland, Nederland en Australië het ook gedurende 2010 die Fakulteit besoek en gaslesings gelewer. Die Departement Nuwe Testament het prof. Peter Lampe van die Universiteit van Heidelberg in Duitsland as 'n ereprofessor aangestel en gevolglik het hy op 20 Oktober 2010 sy intrede gelewer.

Buiten die normale uitgawes het *Acta Theologica*, die geakkrediteerde akademiese joernaal van die Fakulteit, 'n aantal Supplementa gepubliseer. In 2007 het *Acta Theologica* die eerste Suid-Afrikaanse teologiese joernaal geword wat aanvaar is vir indeksing in die *Arts and Humanities Citation Index* van die American Institute for Scientific Information (ISI).

Prof. Fanie Snyman
Voorsitter: Navorsingskomitee

Shepherd continued ...

College Outcomes, one of Shepherd's partners in this regard, will facilitate this training by using acknowledged tutors. During 2010, Universal College Outcomes started developing this course within their didactic model.

During 2010, Dr Gerhard Botha visited the Yale Divinity School as part of an extensive study tour in the USA. During this visit, he had discussions with Dr Carolyn Engelhardt, the Director of the Ministry Resource Centre at Yale. Dr Botha concluded a preliminary agreement of cooperation with Dr Engelhardt with regard to exchanging of information in the future. The possibility of opening a similar centre



in Bloemfontein was discussed. Dr Botha visited the Calvin Theological Seminary, Fuller Theological Seminary, Princeton Theological Seminary and 17 congregations, attended lectures of six lecturers in theological training as well as a 3-hour seminar with Prof. Eddie Gibbs, and held consultative discussions with Prof. Ken Callahan and Dr Brian McLaren.

Research at the Faculty of Theology

Right from the beginning of the Faculty of Theology in 1980, special emphasis was placed on solid research to be conducted in all fields of theology. During the past 30 years, this culture of research was cultivated, and the fruits of many years of hard work can be seen. Staff of the Faculty not only attended but also participated in regional, national and international congresses. Staff members acted as chairpersons at such meetings, presented papers and took part in the scholarly discussions that made-up academic congresses.

The focus the Faculty had on research could be seen in publications that were delivered. Members of the Faculty published the fruit of their research in various academic journals, both locally and internationally. For many years, university authorities have rated the output in terms of research articles published in accredited academic journals as above average. Some of our staff published academic textbooks or contributed to books intended for the international market or published monographs in esteemed academic series intended for a scholarly audience.

A further indication of the culture of solid research embedded in the Faculty is the fact that quite a number of staff members are National Research Foundation (NRF) rated researchers.

The Faculty attracted postgraduate students not only from South Africa but indeed from all over the world, including the rest of Africa, Europe, Asia and the USA. Students enrolled for a wide variety of interesting master's degrees offered, or they entered into doctoral programmes in fields of their particular choices or interests. The results of their research can be seen in doctoral dissertations completed and in articles published in academic journals making the results of their research known to a wider audience.

The Faculty also had the privilege of hosting several academic congresses during 2010. The Department of Missiology hosted the congress of the

South African Missiological Society (SAMS) during January. In August, the faculty hosted an international congress on Calvin research that attracted scholars from all parts of the world. In September, the Department of Dogmatology hosted the congress of the Theological Society of South Africa (TSSA). The Faculty also hosted a congress on the important theme of "Faith, Religion and the Public University" (23-24 March) where inter alia the renowned Prof. Wentzel van Huyssteen from Princeton Theological Seminary (USA) was one of the key speakers. In addition the Faculty stimulated debate on theological matters with a new initiative called Theology@lunch, where various topics of interest were discussed.

The Yale-UFS Jonathan Edwards Centre was launched formally in 2010.

Several scholars from inter alia the USA, Germany, the Netherlands, Australia visited the Faculty during 2010 and delivered guest lectures. The Department of New Testament appointed prof. Peter Lampe from the University of Heidelberg in Germany as an honorary professor; consequently he delivered his inaugural lecture on 20 October 2010.

Acta Theologica, the accredited academic journal of the Faculty, published a number of Supplementa, over and above the normal issues. In 2007, *Acta Theologica* became the first South African theological journal to be accepted for indexing in the *Arts and Humanities Citation Index* of the American Institute for Scientific Information (ISI).

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Navorsingspublikasies Research Publications

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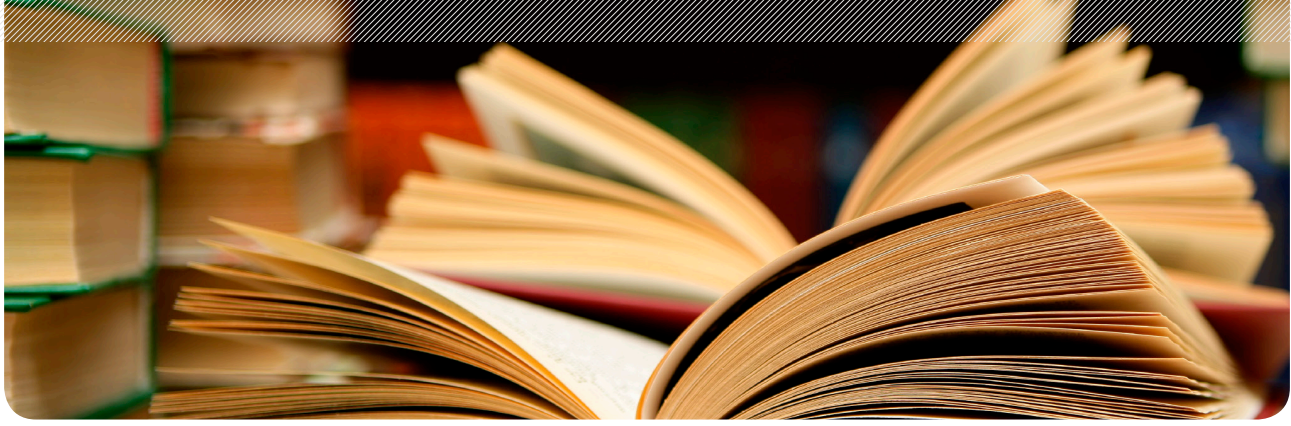
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Acta Theologica



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Die akademiese joernaal *Acta Theologica* publiseer artikels van hoogstaande wetenskaplike gehalte in die velde van die Bybelwetenskappe, teologie en godsdienswetenskappe. Die gereelde uitgawes verskyn jaarliks in Junie en Desember. Hoewel die joernaal deur die Fakulteit Teologie bestuur word, is die outeurs aan verskeie nasionale en internasionale instellings verbonde. Die joernaal word in harde kopie-formaat aan intekenaars van oor die hele wêreld uitgestuur, maar is ook elektronies op verskeie platvorms beskikbaar. 'n Belangrike nuwe platform wat die afgelope jaar bygevoeg is, is SciELO Suid-Afrika. Slegs joernale wat aan sekere kriteria voldoen, word in hierdie databasis opgeneem.

Die Desember-uitgawe is as huldigingsbundel aan prof. Johan Janse van Rensburg wat in 2010 afgetree het, opgedra. Artikels in hierdie uitgawe verteenwoordig bydraes van die leiers in die veld van Praktiese Teologie. In 2010 het Supplementum 13, waarin die interdisiplinêre gesprek tussen die werksplek en teologie vergestalt is, ook verskyn. *An (auto)biographical Theologia Habitus – Futures perspectives for the workplace* het die inhoud op 'n akademies-kreatiewe wyse aan die hand van 'n argitektoniese ontwerp uiteengesit. Die Supplementum, met prof. Jan-Albert van den Berg as outeur, het wye belangstelling gewek en toon die bydrae wat teologiese navorsing op verskeie gebiede kan lewer.

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The December edition was dedicated to Prof. Johan Janse van Rensburg, who retired in 2010. Articles in this edition represent contributions from leaders in the field of Practical Theology. In 2010, Supplementum 13, in which the interdisciplinary discourse between the workplace and theology is embodied, was also published. *An (auto)biographical Theologia Habitus – Futures perspectives for the workplace* expounds the content in an academically creative way through utilising an architectural design. Supplementum 13, with Prof. Jan-Albert van den Berg as author, elicited wide interest and demonstrates the contribution of theological research in various fields.

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A record number of Doctorates were conferred at the graduation ceremony of Spring 2010.

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Sola Gratia

Sola Gratia het gedurende 2010 'n besondere jaar beleef. Dit was onder andere die jaar waarin die studente van die Fakulteit Teologie hulle eie fakulteitsdrag gekry het. Dit het veroorsaak dat Teologiestudente meer sigbaar op die kampus geword het.

Daar is ook deur die loop van die jaar verskeie debatte gevoer, onder andere oor die vrou in die amp en saamblyverhoudings. Gedurende die *Sola Gratia*-periodes in die week is daar gespeel, saam oor die Here gepraat en saam gegroei in liefde. Dit was vir die studente heerlik om buite 'n akademiese atmosfeer met mekaar verhoudings op te bou. Die *Coram Deo*-periodes het hierdie jaar ook 'n interaktiewe en informele trant gevolg, eerder as 'n preektrant. Hierdie benadering is baie positief deur die studente beleef.

Op sosiale vlak is die termyn met 'n heerlike dosente-sêr afgeskop. Die studente het hulself knuppeldik geëet, hulle stemme weggepraat en gesing en gelag dat hulle maagspiere pyn. Die jaar 2009 het geëindig met die Fakulteit se jaareindfunksie. Daar is mos geen beter manier

om die jaar af te sluit as in die geselskap van goeie vriende en lekker kos nie!

Aan die begin van 2010 is 'n kamp by Mooigenoeg gehou. Dit is waar die eerstejaars aan die fakulteits- en studentelewe bekendgestel word. Daar is lekker saam geswem, gespeel, gekuier en gelag. Daarna is ook baie hard gewerk om die skakeltoer te beplan en 'n onvergeetlike gebeurtenis te maak. 'n Program propvol kreatiewe gebeure is opgestel en 'n ideale geleentheid om verhoudings op te bou, is beplan. Tot groot teleurstelling van almal is dit uiteindelik afgestel omdat die studente van die ander universiteite dit nie meer kon meemaak nie. Dié skakeltoer sal egter DV in 2011 plaasvind en beloop om 'n reuse sukses te wees.

Marike Els

Voorsitter Sola Gratia 2010





Sola Gratia

During 2010, Sola Gratia experienced an exceptional year. Amongst others, the students of the Faculty of Theology received their own faculty attire during the year. For that reason, theology students literally became more visible on campus!

During the course of the year, several debates were arranged, amongst others on the subjects of women in office and living-together relationships. During the *Sola Gratia* periods in the week, students played, held discussions about the Lord and grew together in love. The students enjoyed building relationships with one another outside an academic atmosphere. This year, the *Coram Deo* periods also followed an interactive and informal style rather than a preaching style. Students experienced this approach very positively.

On a social level, the term kicked off with a delightful lecturer serenade. The students ate their fill, talked and sang themselves hoarse and laughed until their stomach muscles were aching. The year ended with the end-of-year function of the Faculty. There is no better way to end the year than in the company of good friends and with delicious food!

At the beginning of 2010, a camp was held at Mooigenoeg, where the first-year students were introduced to the faculty and student life. Everybody enjoyed swimming, playing, laughing and spending time



together. After that, they worked hard to plan the liaison tour and make it an unforgettable experience. A programme filled to the brim with creative events was drawn up, and an ideal opportunity to build relationships was planned. To the great disappointment of everybody, it was eventually cancelled because students from other universities could not attend it. God willing, this liaison tour will take place in 2011 and promises to be a gigantic success.

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