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Nijmeegs Instituut
voor Missiologie

Aims and methods

Fully in harmony with the long missionary and missiological tradition of Churches and Universities in the Netherlands, the Nijmegen Institute for Missiology aims at

- Developing knowledge in the field of non-Western Christianity and North-South Dialogue in Church and Theology, and
- Implementing this knowledge in educational programs and consultancy work.

The Nijmegen Institute for Missiology opts for a practice-oriented model of research. Commitment to, and participation in, the missionary movement is the starting point for a critical and constructive reflection upon the practice of this movement.

History and background

The Nijmegen Institute for Missiology is instituted by the private initiative of some missionary institutes in 1993. As an independent foundation it is affiliated to the Radboud University of Nijmegen, where it is also located. The institute is financed by means of long-term donations from some 25 religious institutes and funds acquired on a project basis.

Research Projects

At present the research projects being carried out concern

- The contribution of Dutch religious to church development in Brazil,
- The history of the Augustinian mission in Irian Jaya, Indonesia,
- The situation of African Catholics in the Netherlands,
- The future prospects of missionary societies of female religious
- The present situation and future of Catholic migrant communities in the Netherlands.

Course offerings

The courses given concern

- The history and actual situation of church and theology in Africa, Asia and Latin America;
- The globalisation of Christianity and the emergence of a missionary movement in Third World churches;
- The history and the actual situation of the missionary movement in the Netherlands;
- Indigenous spirituality and sustainable development;
- Christian migrants in the Netherlands.

Missiology Online Program

In order to stimulate North-South Dialogue in Church and Theology the Nijmegen Institute for Missiology stimulates comparative and intercultural missiology by using the Internet. The aim is to create a web-community for mission studies and to have a missiology curriculum online. So far the following modules are available:

- Missiology and Glocalization
- Intercultural Theology.

Partners in this web-community are:

- Tangaza College, Nairobi
- Dharmaram College, Bangalore.

Membership

The Nijmegen Institute for Missiology is Corporate member of the

- International Association of Mission Studies and
- The International Association of catholic Missiologists.

Library

The library of the Nijmegen Institute for Missiology is fully integrated into the University Library of the University of Nijmegen. The library can be consulted via its website: www.kunn.nl/ubn

Publications

The Nijmegen Institute for Missiology publishes a Newsletter, Occasional Papers and an own book series entitled *Church and Theology in Context*. Recent publications include:

- Van Lin, J. *Shaking The Fundamentals. Religious Plurality and Ecumenical Movement* (2002).
Wijsen, F. and P. Nissen (eds.), *Mission is a Musts. Intercultural Theology and the Mission of the Church* (2002).
Wijsen, F. and R. Tanner, *I am just a Sukuma. Globalization and Identity Construction in Northwest Tanzania* (2002).
Barz, G., *Performing Religion. Negotiating Past and Present in Kwaya Music in Tanzania* (2003).

The *Church and Theology in Context* series is published by Editions Rodopi, at Amsterdam and New York. For more information see: www.rodopi.nl

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As from this issue the newsletter of the Nijmegen Institute for Missiology will be called *NIM-wegen* (NIM-ways). The name is partly a pun on the original name of our city, Nijmegen; and partly it reflects the roads our institute travels and the ways in which it does so.

Cardinal Turkson, patron

Cardinal Dr Peter Turkson, archbishop of Cape Coast, Ghana, will henceforth be patron of the Nijmegen Institute for Missiology. Cardinal Turkson has long-standing connections with the institute. He attended its very first congress on inculturation in 1993. Cardinal Turkson studied biblical sciences in Rome and obtained his doctorate from the University of Ghana, Legon. Among other things he is chancellor of the Catholic University of Ghana.

Change of management

Sr Scholastica Alkemade JMJ is retiring from the board committee. She has been a member since 1997, for the past few years as secretary. We thank her for her years of service. She is succeeded by her namesake, Sr Lies Alkemade, provincial superior of the FDNSC sisters. Ms Dr Joke van Lin-Kersten has been nominated secretary of the management committee.

Members' meeting

On 19 May members of the Nijmegen Institute of Missiology held their annual members' meeting. The jubilee year was reviewed and future prospects were considered, inter alia the medium- to long-term funding of the institute. The annual statement for 2002 and the budget for 2004 were approved. The annual report for 2003 was submitted to the meeting. Interested parties may request a copy of the report from the institute's secretariat.

Annual General Meeting

The 2004 annual general meeting saw the launch of a posthumously published book by Jan van Engelen, former study secretary of the Dutch Mission Council and lecturer in missiology at the Faculty of Theology of the CUN. The meeting was attended by friends and acquaintances of Jan van Engelen, as well as former students. His book, entitled *Van kerk naar*

rijk Gods (From church to God's kingdom), may be ordered from the secretariat at a price of 10 Euro.

Research projects

The employment contracts with Drs Naomi van der Meer and Drs Harrie Lamers have expired. Naomi van der Meer has been working for four years on a study of African Catholics in the Netherlands and Harrie Lamers on a study of Dutch religious in Brazil from 1850 to the present.

Both researchers' dissertations are at an advanced stage and they are expected to graduate at the end of this calendar year or early next year. Management has decided to start two new research projects, one into the theology of the African Renaissance and the other into mission and migration. Fundraising for these projects is under way.

Missiology Online Program

Dr Fans Wijzen was in Kenya from the beginning of January till early April. He gave a course of lectures at Tangaza College under the auspices of the Nijmegen Institute for Missiology Online Program. The course was highly acclaimed. In his annual report the principal of Tangaza College described it as a major teaching innovation at the college.

The course dealt with missiology and globalisation, and was presented simultaneously at the Nijmegen Graduate School of Theology and Dharmaram College, India.

Distance Education in Missiology

Do the courses offered by the Institute for Missiology interest you, but time or distance is an obstacle? No problem. Parts of the programme can be done via the digital highway. Thus you will 'meet' other students on the discussion board. Go to the folder "Nijmegen Institute for Missiology Online Project".

Collaboration with Dharmaram College

In the framework of the same Missiology Online Program a collaborative agreement has been signed between the Faculty of Theology of Dharmaram College in Bangalore India and the Nijmegen Institute for Missiology.

The amount of online English medium tuition is expanding, since all modules taught at the Nijmegen Graduate School of Intercultural Theology will in due course be available digitally as well.

First doctorates of the Graduate School

The Nijmegen Graduate School of Theology has produced its first crop of doctors.

On 24 May Antonio Sison from the Philippines was awarded a doctorate for his dissertation entitled "Political Holiness and Third Cinema". On 15 June Isidore Nwanaju from Nigeria obtained his doctorate with a dissertation entitled "Christian-Muslim Relations in Nigeria". Two of the eight doctoral students who started out in 2000 have completed their degrees within four years! This year the annual graduation ceremony for Master's students was held on 8 July.

10 of the 12 master's students who started their courses in 2002 have obtained their degrees within two years.

Congress on social analysis

From 26 to 30 July the Nijmegen Institute for Missiology will be presenting a congress on the use of social analysis in theology. Guests will be Sr Maria Riley OP (United States), Dr P. Henriot SJ (Zambia), Dr M. Amaladoss SJ (India), Dr J. Banawiratma (Indonesie), Dr D. Brackley SJ (El Salvador), Dr J. Elsener SMB (Switzerland), Rev. Dr G. Singgih (Indonesia), Dr J. Hug SJ (United States), Dr J. De Mesa (Philippines), Dr R. Mejia SJ (Ethiopia), Dr J. Luna MG (Mexico), Dr C. Bodewes MM (Kenya), Dr G. Whelan SJ (Kenya) and Dr J. Holland (United States).

Congresses

Ms. Claudia Sarti attended a congress on migration and interculturalism at the University of Heidelberg (June). Prof. R. van Rossum and Drs F. Dokman will attend the congress of the International Association of Mission Studies in Malaysia (August). Drs F. Dokman will attend the congress of the International Association of Catholic Missiologists in Bolivia (September). That same

month Dr Jorge Castillo will attend a congress on migration and theology in Chicago and Dr F. Wijzen will take part in a congress on cross-cultural theology in Louvain.

Teaching 2004/2005

The Institute for Missiology will be presenting its course on non-Western Christianity and North-South dialogue in the church and theology again in 2004/2005. The course, or components of it, may be presented at other venues as well. The institute will also collaborate on the course in missionary and diaconal pastoral work of the Institute for Pastoral Studies and the course in intercultural theology of the Nijmegen Graduate School of Theology.

Nijmegen Graduate School of Theology

The Nijmegen Institute for Missiology has been closely associated with the Nijmegen Graduate School of Theology from the outset. By now the school's experimental phase has been completed. The Faculty of Theology has decided to present the master's course in Intercultural Theology for accreditation.

This means that the faculty has sufficient confidence in the viability of the course. At the same time the accreditation has been used as an opportunity for a thorough revision of the curriculum. On the one hand the scope of the specialist fields has been restricted, on the other hand the number of specialist fields has been increased. In principle every chair can now offer a graduate package. Henceforth, therefore, missiology is to be a fully fledged specialist field in the master's course in intercultural theology.

75 Years of missiology in Nijmegen

In 2005 the chair of missiology in Nijmegen will be 75 years old. The anniversary will be celebrated in the university Aula on 28 October 2005. Diarise the date right away! The title of the congress is to be "The mission of Missiology".

New name, new website

As from 1 September 2004 the Catholic University of Nijmegen will pass by the name of Radboud University Nijmegen. As a result all e-mail addresses will change from "kun.nl" to "ru.nl". The Nijmegen Institute for Missiology is taking this opportunity to design an entire new website. In future you will find us on www.ru.nl/nim.