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We now offer our Meeter Center newsletter in both digital and paper formats. If you would like to be included on our email list to receive your newsletter as a pdf attachment, please send an email to:

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From the Director

Recently, I looked back at our spring 2020 newsletter, which came out at the very start of the Covid-19 pandemic. At that time, we hoped to be able to run our summer programs as usual...but by May, we had taken the decision to defer everything for a year. So we will host our deferred Genevan Paleography workshop from July 17 to 23, 2021, welcoming all the participants who had been selected for 2020 (see p. 3 for the list). We also deferred all the 2020 visiting fellowship recipients to 2021 – we will therefore not offer new awards in 2021. Those wishing to apply for a Meeter Center fellowship should plan on applying by January 1, 2022. Finally, our conference on the Puritans will now take place on Friday and Saturday, September 24 and 25, 2021. We look forward to welcoming our outstanding lineup of speakers: Margaret Bendroth, Richard Muller, Chad van Dixhoorn, Abram van Engen, and Adrian Weimer.

In spite of the challenges of these days, we continue to build connections far and wide among those interested in the Reformation. This fall, we inaugurated our series of Zoom Reformation Conversations, in which scholars discuss recent work on a given theme. On September 24, Lyle Bierma of Calvin Theological Seminary and Yudha Thianto of Trinity Christian College spoke on the theology and practice of baptism. On November 11, Jeff Watt of the University of Mississippi will present his recent work on the Genevan Consistory, in a three-way conversation with Scott Manetsch (Trinity Evangelical Divinity School) and Karen Spierling (Denison University) on church discipline. These Zoom sessions are open to all who sign up. Contact Deborah Snider (ds56@calvin.edu) to receive the sign-up link. We also have other video interviews and short clips of items from our rare book collection at <https://www.facebook.com/meetercenter>.

Enjoy!

Karin Maag

Meeter Center Podcast Channel

The Meeter Center now has a podcast channel! *Reformations* features interviews with Meeter Center fellows, Calvin professors, and experts in the field of Reformation studies. To listen in, go to our Anchor.fm channel:

<https://anchor.fm/the-h-henry-meeter-center-for-calvin-studies>. You can also find us on Spotify, Google podcasts, Breaker, or Radio Public. Tune in and have a listen.

CURATOR'S CORNER: RECENT ACQUISITIONS

Buckner, Forrest. *Uncovering Calvin's God: John Calvin on Predestination and the Love of God*. Lanham, MD: The Rowman & Littlefield Publishing Group, Inc., 2020*

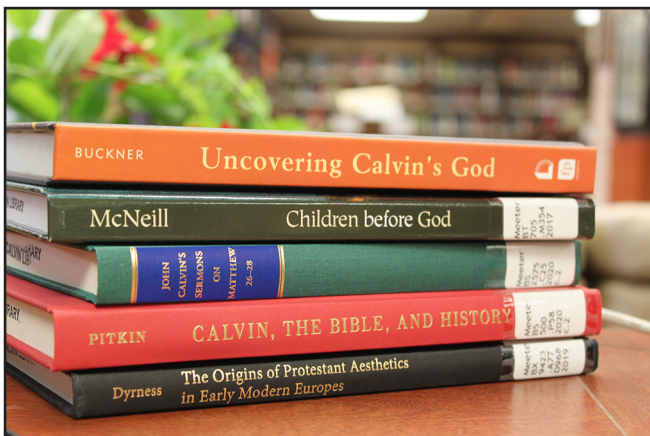
Calvin, John. *Crucified and Risen: Sermons on Matthew 26-28*. Newly translated from the French of 1558 by Robert White. Carlisle, PA: Banner of Truth Trust, 2020

Dyrness, William A. *The Origins of Protestant Aesthetics in Early Modern Europe*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2019

McNeill, John. *Children Before God: Biblical Themes in the Works of John Calvin and Jonathan Edwards*. Eugene, Oregon: Pickwick Publications, 2017

Pitkin, Barbara. *Calvin, the Bible, and History: Exegesis and Historical Reflection in the Era of Reform*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2020*

*Be sure to visit our podcast channel, which now features interviews with authors Forrest Buckner and Barbara Pitkin: <https://anchor.fm/the-h-henry-meeter-center-for-calvin-studies>



Renew Your Friends Membership

We welcome members to the Friends of the Meeter Center. Friends' donations help provide funding for special programs, including fellowships, workshops, and community educational events.

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Promoter	\$250	Benefactor	\$5000

Donate to our Endowment or Rare Book Fund

Currently the Meeter Center owns approximately half of Calvin's works in original editions, and we expand our offerings each year. Donations to the Rare Book fund are used exclusively for adding rare books to the collection. Endowment Fund donations are also welcomed. We have a \$5 million endowment goal and are nearly half-way there, thanks to your generosity!

Donation checks may be made out to "Calvin University Meeter Center" and sent to 1855 Knollcrest Circle SE, Grand Rapids MI 49546. To donate online, go to: <https://calvin.quadweb.site/giving/meeter-center> Thank you!

Hugh and Eve Meeter High School Awards

Every year, the Meeter Center offers scholarships for high school seniors, with a 1st place award of \$3,500 and 2nd place awards of \$2,000 to be applied to college tuition at one of six specific colleges. This year's topic is "Calvin and Citizenship." For more information on how to apply, see:

<https://calvin.edu/centers-institutes/meeter-center/fellowships-scholarships/high-school-seniors>

Paleography Workshop

July 17-23, 2021

We are very pleased to welcome the following participants to our upcoming Genevan Paleography Workshop in the summer of 2021:

Jonathan Baddley
(Ph.D. student, Vanderbilt University)

Kaitlyn Emma Centini
(M.A. student, University of Arizona)

Jan Klok
(post-doctoral researcher, Ph.D. from the
University of Tübingen)

Joey Low
(Ph.D. student, Brandeis University)

Jennifer Meissner
(Ph.D. student, University of California, Santa
Barbara)

Emily Jane O'Brock
(Ph.D. student, New York University)

Daniel Ruppel
(Ph.D. student, Brown University)

Rebekah Sheats
(author and translator, Zurich Publishing)

Jolene Vos-Camy
(Professor, French Department, Calvin University)

Baptiste Werly
(Ph.D. student, Université de Genève)



In Memoriam

The Meeter Center wishes to honor the memory of two scholars of Reformation studies who passed away over the last few months. On June 6, the noted expert on Calvin's writings and on early modern imprints, Dr. Jean-François Gilmont, died at age eighty-six. Among other works, he published with Rodolphe Peter the magnificent multi-volume *Bibliotheca Calviniana*, which still remains one of the best resources on the publication history of Calvin's writings in the sixteenth century. He also was the architect of the digital database GLN 15-16, which provides access to the titles and often the full text of all works published in Geneva, Lausanne, and Neuchâtel in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries. Unfailingly kind and generous in sharing his knowledge with other scholars, he will be deeply missed.

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On July 13, the French historian Professor Bernard Cottret died suddenly of a heart attack at his home. He was sixty-nine. His scholarship focused on English history, but also on the French Reformation.

He was the author of a well-regarded biography of John Calvin, published in an English translation by Eerdmans and T&T Clark in 2000. The Meeter Center welcomed him to Grand Rapids for a visit and presentation when the book came out. His warmth and enthusiasm shone through. The Meeter Center offers its heartfelt sympathy to both men's families, friends, and colleagues.

