

# Meeter Center Newsletter



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## Editorial

This *Newsletter* begins with a word of thanks to those who contributed information for this edition's publication. The *Meeter Center Newsletter* was begun specifically to inform Calvin scholars and those interested in Calvin studies as to the state of scholarship around the world.

With that goal in mind, there are currently over six hundred scholars who receive the *Newsletter*, living in all parts of the world. We wish to expand that number, and if you know of either a colleague, doctoral student or library which would profit from receiving a copy of the *Newsletter*, we would appreciate receiving their name.

This is always a hectic time of the academic year. We wish you all a healthful and productive summer!

Richard C. Gamble,  
Editor

## Dissertations Recently Completed or in Progress

Benjamin J. Boerkoel, "The Holy Spirit in the Soteriology of John Calvin and the English and Dutch Puritans: A Theological, Analytical and Comparative Study in Reformed Orthodoxy" (dissertation submitted to Columbia University).

## Fellowships & Awards

Meeter Center Fellowships for summer study at the Center are offered to scholars having faculty status at their institutions. The appointment carries a stipend of \$2,000 and the use of a study room in the Center. There are student fellowships, as well, in a lesser amount. The Emo F. J. Van Halsema Fellowship is offered to ministers in the Reformed tradition to support research in Calvin and Calvinism. Applications for these fellowships are available from the Meeter Center and must be returned by January 1 for fellowships the following summer.

The recipients of the Meeter Center Faculty Fellowships for the summer of 1991 are: Dr. Ralph Keen from DePaul University; Prof. Michal Bihary from Comenius Faculty for Dogmatics and Church History, Czechoslovakia; and Prof. Paul Helm from the University of Liverpool.

## Recent Publications

### BOOKS

Timothy George, ed., *John Calvin and the Church: A Prism of Reform* (Westminster/John Knox Press, 1990).

John Patrick Donnelly, S.J., and Robert M. Kingdon, comps., *A Bibliography of the Works of Peter Martyr Vermigli*, vol. XIII of *Sixteenth Century Essays and Studies* (Kirkville, MO: Sixteenth Century Publishers, 1990). 215 pp.

W. de Greef and M. van Campen, eds., *Congresbundel 1989* (Kampen: de Groot Goudriaan, 1990).

W. J. Bouwsma, *Johannes Calvijn: De Man en Zijn Tijd*, trans. Gerda Pancras (Amsterdam: Uitgeverij Balans, 1991).

Brian G. Armstrong and Elsie Anne McKee, eds., *Probing the Reformed Tradition: Historical Studies in Honor of Edward A. Dowey, Jr.* (Louisville, KY: Westminster/John Knox Press, 1989).

### ARTICLES AND REVIEWS

Anthony N. S. Lane, "Recent Calvin Literature: A Review Article," *Themelios* 16 (1991), pp. 17-24.

Robert M. Kingdon, "Calvin et la démocratie," *Réforme et révolutions*, Paul Vialleneix, ed. (Réforme/Presses du Languedoc, 1990), pp. 41-54.

Robert M. Kingdon, "The Geneva Consistory as Established by John Calvin," *On the Way: Occasional Papers of the Wisconsin Conference of the United Church of Christ* 7 (1990), pp. 30-44.

Robert M. Kingdon, "Calvin and the Establishment of Consistory Discipline in Geneva: The Institution and the Men Who Directed It," *Nederlands Archief voor Kerkgeschiedenis* 70 (1990), pp. 158-172.

Reviews of Jeannine E. Olson's *Calvin and Social Welfare: Deacons and the Bourse Française* by Martin Klauber in *The Westminster Theological Journal* 52, No. 2 (1990), pp. 385-387; by Elsie A. McKee in *Theology Today* (April 1990); by Jeffrey R. Watt in *Renaissance Quarterly* 43 (1990); and by Philip C. Holtrop in *The Mennonite Quarterly Review* 65 (1991), pp. 105-106.

## Works in Progress

### BOOKS

Dewey J. Houtenga, Jr., *Faith and Reason from Plato to Plantinga: An Introduction to Reformed Epistemology* (Albany, NY: State University of New York Press, 1991). Scheduled to appear in late spring or early summer.

Alister McGrath's *A Life of John Calvin* (Basil Blackwell, 1990) is currently being translated into German and Italian.

Alister McGrath is currently working on a student introduction to Calvin's theology and spirituality, based on teaching experience in Oxford and the United States. He would be delighted to learn from the experience of others teaching in this field, especially the points of difficulty which students experience in wrestling with Calvin's thought. Special importance is attached to the difficulties which non-theologians (e.g., history students) experience. Such information will be fully acknowledged. The book will be published in January 1992 by Hodder & Stoughton.

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Robert M. Kingdon, "Anticlericalism in the Registers of the Geneva Consistory," in a volume of papers for a conference, September 20-22, 1991, on *Anticlericalism in Late Medieval and Early Modern Europe*, to be edited by Heiko A. Oberman.

Robert M. Kingdon, "Social Control and Political Control in Calvin's Geneva" and "The Reformation and America: Calvinist Discipline in the Old World and the New," both prepared for a joint conference of the Society for Reformation Research and the Verein für Reformationsgeschichte, September 25-30, 1990, and scheduled for publication in a special issue or supplement to their periodical, the *Archiv für Reformationsgeschichte*.

Review of Alister E. McGrath's *A Life of John Calvin: A Study in the Shaping of Western Culture* by Jeannine Olson, forthcoming in *Theological Studies*.

Review of Charles M. Tolbert's *Calvin and the Foundations of Modern Politics* by Jeannine Olson, forthcoming in *Journal of Church and State*.

Jeannine Olson, "Calvin as Person," *Concordia Journal* (forthcoming).

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## Conferences & Events

May 9-12, 1991 - 26th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI.

May 8-9, 1991 - Eighth Colloquium on Calvin & Calvin Studies. Theme: Calvin & the State. Sponsored by the Calvin Studies Society. Held at Calvin Theological Seminary, Grand Rapids, MI.

October 17-19, 1991 - Sixteenth Century Studies Society. Held at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA.

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