

On Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June the trustees of CTM met and it seemed timely to give a brief update on recent news, activities, and forthcoming events.

**Website.** The work to make this more fit for purpose has taken more time and expertise than envisaged. But now that the first stage of the change is in place we would be delighted to have comments and suggestions. The hope is that in time the website will become an accessible and reliable resource for all those worldwide who are seeing to understand and develop Child Theology. One of our trustees, John McNeill, is working on a catalogue of papers, articles and books designed to serve this purpose.



**Exploring Child Theology Network Meetings.** This series of online events has begun to establish an identity and helpful format. Eight have been held so far, with more planned into 2026. There are recordings and papers available on the website so that the events are open and accessible to all, irrespective of time zone. Suggestions for future themes and contributors are welcome, and it would be helpful to have contact details of those interested to add to the list of those informed about forthcoming meetings.

Given that Child Theology is inherently international, and that the resources of CTM are comparatively slender, such events, coupled with the expanding website, are a wonderful opportunity for the development of reflection, conversation and research.

**Collections of CT Papers.** Editing of the text of the two volumes of CT papers, edited by John Collier, is currently underway, and the aim is to launch them in November 2025. They bring a together a selection of contributions from across the world drawn from the activities of CTM since its beginning in 2001.

**First Annual Lecture.** We are delighted that Professor Frances Young has agreed to give the first lecture at a Webinar on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2025. She was a contributor to CT Consultation held in London in July 2016. And she has been in conversation about the resonances between Child Theology, and the reflections of those focussing on theology with those with disabilities (or special gifts). In this she draws deeply from her relationship with her son, Arthur, who died aged 54. More details will follow on the website.

**Child Theology Africa.** It has been a joy to witness the growth of theological reflection with a focus on Child Theology across the great continent of Africa. Members have facilitated one of the Online events, in January 2023. And there is a desire to see how the network can share its reflections with others and help to inform and shape agendas for CT and CTM in the coming years. This is a cause of much rejoicing and expectation.

With the greetings and prayers of the trustees of CTM,

Keith White