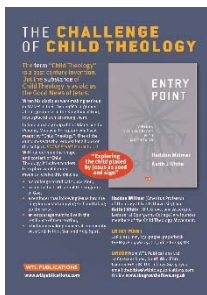


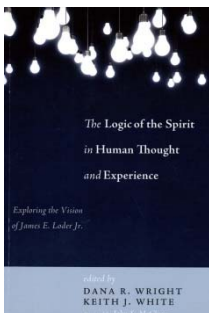
This brief Advent newsletter of the Child Theology Movement comes on behalf of the directors of CTM bringing news and greetings in the name of Jesus to all who are associated or connected with through this lively, growing movement. May you experience the joy of Christ at Christmas, and His presence and peace in 2015!

The directors met face to face in London at the end of October 2014 and this was a good time to take stock of some of the developments in the past twelve months.

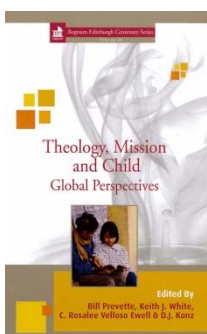
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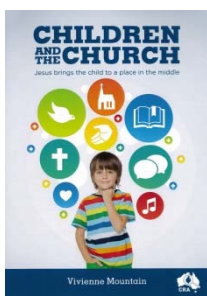
Entry Point: Towards Child Theology with Matthew 18 was published a year ago, and since then there have been reviews and comments suggesting that this will be a significant text for all those wanting to take the study of Child Theology further. There have been requests for it to be translated into French and Spanish.



The Logic of the Spirit in Human Thought and Experience: Exploring the Vision of James E. Loder Jr., edited by Dana R. White and Keith J. White, was published in November 2014 by Wipf and Stock. The directors were delighted that Dana and his wife Judy could join them for a celebratory meal in London. It is hoped that this volume, a collection of papers given at a joint-conference in Princeton, will pave the way for further study of how theology can contribute to and critique human development theory and education.



Theology, Mission and Child: Global Perspectives, edited by Bill Prevette, Keith J. White, C. Rosalee Velloso Ewell and D. J. Konz was also published towards the end of 2014, by Regnum. It bears the hallmarks of the work that CTM has been doing to develop theology with the child placed by Jesus as a fresh and vital clue to every aspect of Christian life, mission and ministry.



Children and the Church: Jesus brings the child to a place in the middle, by Vivienne Mountain, was published by the Christian Research Association in Australia in November 2014. It tells her personal story of how she encountered Child Theology and has sought to apply it to her ministry among churches.

Consultation Report



The report of the Pan-African Child Theology Consultation held in Addis in November 2013 was published in time for the Lausanne Children at Risk Conference held in Quito in November 2014. Edited by John Collier, it is the third report of a CT consultation in Africa, and follows the report of a conference on a similar theme held in Bucharest in September 2013.

Events

A steering committee established at the Addis CT conference and chaired by Victor Nakah is continuing to take forward recommendations and ideas from the event with a view to developing a deeper understanding and practice of CT rooted in context and culture. One of the events at which this group was present was a conference at which Professor Marcia Bunge was a keynote speaker.

Future Conferences and Consultations

Some years ago the directors of CTM identified Africa, Asia, and Latin America as the three regions of the world on which it would focus its strategic development. Given the number of conferences and consultations it has convened in South and South-East Asia, and Africa, it has been actively seeking to gather together theologians in Latin America in 2015. John Collier and Keith White went to Ecuador in November 2014 and the event can now be confirmed: Semisud, Quito, 17th – 21st August 2015. A planning team has been convened and funding has been secured from Compassion International. For further information contact John Collier (joystarfish@gmail.com).



CTM Website

Improvements to the site continue and there are regular feeds and blogs.

Research in Child Theology-Related Areas

The work of the three doctoral postgraduates (Beth Barnett, Stuart Christine and D. J. Konz) mentioned in the previous newsletter continues, and there are a number of others including Beth Jackson and Ruth Broomhall, at an early stage. We hope to be able to connect these to appropriate supervisors committed to research in Child Theology.

CTM Publication Depots

We are pleased to say that CTM continues to extend the number of depots of CTM publications around the world. These include: Malaysia, South Africa, Kampala, Canada, India, Australia, Romania and the UK. Further details are available via the CTM website. Our policy will always be to make as much material as

possible available for download free. The first port of call for anyone seeking a CTM publication is to contact Caroline Harrison at millgrove@btinternet.com.

A Call for Information and News

Please do let us know if you would like to share news, information, publications, with the community connected by CTM.

In Christ,

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Chair of CTM

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