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**Missionaire beweging. Op zoek naar perspectief voor de toekomst.** Jan van Lin (red.).
(Missionary movement: in search of a future perspective.)
Because of various social and religious factors the future of the missionary movement is by no means assured. In this publication several authors look into such questions as the following: Who are participants in the missionary movement? Why is there a missionary movement? What is its identity? How can we work at perpetuating the movement? What obstacles are there to its future progress?
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**Afrika in het jubileumjaar. Marginalisatie en migratie.** Naomi Adelesi and Frans Wijsen.
(Africa in the Jubilee Year. Marginalisation and migration.)
The RC Church proclaimed the year 2000 a jubilee year. In view of this, Frans Wijsen looked into globalisation and the marginalisation of Africa at the annual NIM-Symposium in 2000. Naomi van der Meer reported on her study of identity construction and networking by catholic migrants from Africa in the Netherlands. Both lectureres are published in this Paper. After all, the marginalisation of Africa and the migration of Africans are two sides of the same coin.
Price: Euro 2,- (excl. postage costs)

**Christian faith re-interpreted in India. Theologizing contextually – intercontextually.** Jan van Lin.
In the early 1970s Catholic theologians in India started looking for a way out of the dead-end street in which traditional Western theology had landed. The problems they encountered in developing an Indian theology are comparable with those facing theology here: how can theology be relevant to the context where it is practised? Dr. Van Lin suggests that we look at the way Indian theologians have tackled this problem and tells about new perspectives that have been opened up for theology in India in recent years.
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(We must do something now.)
On the basis of the study “Caravan dwellers in church and society in Heuvelland, Limburg South”, drs. J. van Meurs shows the possibilities and difficulties of the social and ecclesiastic integration of Sinti in particular. Drs. Van Meurs’s premise is that if integration is to happen, communication between the two parties will first have to be improved. If communication is to happen, something will have to be done about their images of each other and about breaking down prejudice.
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**Missie volgens Redemptoris Missio: Visie en programma.** Jacques Van Nieuwenhove.
(Mission according to Redemptoris Missio: Vision and Programme)
A critical analysis of the encyclical Redemptoris Missio and other Vatican documents on mission and dialogue. This study was conducted under the auspices of the Bishops Consultation on Missionary Affairs. The steering committee heading the consultation hopes that Prof. Van Nieuwenhove's publication will play a role in the ongoing consultation process.
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Dr. Frans Wijzen.
(Mission and multiculturalism: communication between Europeans and Africans in Africa and Europe.)
This is the text of dr. Frans Wijzen's inaugural lecture, delivered in an abridged version on 19 April 2002. Dutch churches are known to have had many missionaries (male and female) abroad. It is less commonly known that there are returned missionaries (male and female) in multicultural neighbourhoods in all major cities at present. In his lecture Wijzen emphasises that these workers, from their often long experience of life abroad, have considerable expertise in dealing with cultural differences and that our multicultural society is in need of such expertise. Prof. Wijzen also takes a stand in the current debate on multiculturalism. Broadly, this debate is about whether the Netherlands is or should be a multicultural society, and whether fellow inhabitants have to adapt to our way of life or can and may retain their own identity. Migrants would like to integrate, but the Dutch are not ready for that, is his opinion.
Price: free (excl. postage costs)

Libi Naga Bribi. Enkele aanzetten tot Surinaamse theologie. Joop Vernooij (red.).
(Libi Naga Bribi. Some incitements to Surinam theology.)
Price: Euro 6,- (excl. postage costs)

Price: Euro 3,- (excl. postage costs)

(From church to Kingdom of God. Toward an empirical theology.)
Price: Euro 3,- (excl. postage costs)

“The West and the rest of the world in theology, mission and co-funding”. Frans Dokman (ed.).
This booklet contains the papers presented during the three conferences that were organized in 2003 to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the Nijmegen Institute for Missiology. During the conferences there was a reflection on the experiences of North-South dialogue in academic institutions, religious institutions and co-funding agencies. Are academics from the South able to maintain their own way of theologizing? How does the growing number of members from provinces in the southern hemisphere influence religious institutions? How is the cooperation between migrant organizations and co-funding agencies? Among others, contributions can be read of philosophers, theologians and experts from Africa (Elchukua Uzukwu), Asia (Hyondok Choe, Michael Amaladoss) and Latin-America (Raul Fornet-Betancourt).
Price: Euro 10,- (excl. postage costs)

Besides a short biography of Arnulf Camps, Professor of Missiology, Radboud University Nijmegen from 1963 till 1990, the Paper contains an extensive bibliography (books, editing, articles and reviews). The bibliography was composed and edited on the occasion of Professor Camps’ 80th birthday and the 75th Anniversary of the Chair of Missiology at the Faculty of Theology, Radboud University Nijmegen.
Price: Euro 3,- (excl. postage costs)

(All dissenters – all of different faiths.)
What role does religion play in intercultural business administration and what role could it play? In view of globalisation these questions need to be considered. As organisations become increasingly multinational, employees with diverse religious identities are working together more and more. Their relations are influenced, both overtly and covertly, by interreligious and intercultural relations. Inspired by his work in Nigeria drs. Frans Dokman concludes that a modern separation between business and religion may not be feasible when a business operates in a culture that attaches great value to religion. His thesis with the same title, on which the occasional paper is based, was awarded the Pauline Jaricot Prize.
Price: Euro 10,- (excl. postage costs). Sold out
Charles de Foucauld. Missionaire presentie toen, nu en in de toekomst. Gerard Moorman (red.)
(Missionary presence – then, now and in the future.)
This Occasional Paper comprises the papers read at a conference organised on the occasion of the beatification of Charles de Foucauld on 13 November 2005. The authors deal with the significance of Charles de Foucauld for missionary presence in the past, the present and the future. Apart from the complexity of his personality, the papers highlight de Foucauld’s ideas on mission and dialogue, evangelization and poverty alleviation.
Price: Euro 7,- (excl. postage costs). Sold out

Soil and blood. Shona traditional belief in late 20th century Zimbabwe. Marcelle Manley.
The paper is an edited version of an MA dissertation submitted to the Department of Religious Studies at the University of South Africa. The degree was awarded cum laude in 1996. It is based on a qualitative study conducted in Zimbabwe in 1992-1993. The research focused on two questions:
(a) Do present-day Shona still subscribe to the worldview of their ancestors?
(b) How does that worldview relate to the modern (Western) worldview?
Semi-structured and unstructured interviews were conducted with government representatives, chiefs in Masvingo Province, peasant farmers and townsfolk from all walks of life. Virtually all interviewees, even when conforming to a ‘modern’ lifestyle (including Christianity), still subscribe to traditional beliefs. Government, however, has adopted a secular Western model, with some concessions to tradition. The traditional worldview, accentuating its key symbols (blood and soil), and the history of the two dominant tribes in Masvingo Province are outlined. A case study of a contemporary chieftancy dispute illustrates the dilemma of conflicting worldviews. The conclusion is that searching dialogue between the two belief systems could result in creative ambivalence. Some issues are suggested as starting points for such dialogue. Subsequent developments in Zimbabwe (not included in this paper) have made headlines internationally. They underscore the potential for conflict that arises from failure to confront and explore underlying contradictions.
Price: Euro 10,- (excl. postage costs)

Volwaardig en zelfstandig. 50 Jaren Bisdom Paramaribo (Suriname). Joop Vernooij.
(Full and Independent. 50 Years Diocese of Paramaribo (Suriname).)
History of the Diocese of Paramaribo (Surinam) in view of the golden jubilee celebrations on 24 August 2008; described by Dr. Joop Vernooij who lived in Surinam and worked in the Diocese during 32 of those 50 years.
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Tel je zegeningen. Het maatschappelijk rendement van christelijke kerken in Rotterdam en hun bijdrage aan sociale cohesie. Castillo Guerra J.E., M.E. Glasshouwer & J. Kregting
(Count your blessings.)
The social benefits of activities of migrant churches are not less than those of autochthonous churches, whereas migrant churches invest more than autochthonous churches in good relations between people of various ethnic backgrounds. This is the outcome of a research in Rotterdam conducted by NIM in collaboration with KASKI. In Rotterdam there are 272 churches which have 200 thousand members, that is more than one third (35%) of the total Rotterdam population. More than 10% (24 thousand) of the church members do voluntary work. 20% of them do voluntary work between 16 and 32 hours per month, 31% do this between 8 and 16 hours per month. Most activities of volunteers are in the fields of psychosocial care, social welfare and community development. The research shows that the average social return of investment per annum of an autochthonous church is 456 thousand Euros, that of a migrant church 437 thousand Euros. Per annum the Rotterdam society as a whole saves between 110 and 133 million Euros because of the social activities of churches. In the Netherlands this is the first time that social return of investment of autochthonous and migrant churches is investigated in the same research which makes comparison between the churches possible.
Price: Euro 15,- (excl. postage costs)

This Occasional Paper, which is based on a master thesis defended by the author at All Nations Christian College, Hertfordshire, England (2006), draws on Frans Wijsen’s study Geloven bij het Leven (1997) about missionary presence in a working-class area in Maastricht. The author summarizes Wijsen’s method and findings and applies them to the Baptist Mission in the same working-class area. The author concludes by giving a theological reflection in which he partly agrees and partly disagrees with Wijsen and in which he identifies areas for future research.
Missiologie in Nijmegen 1930-2010. Rogier van Rossum & Frans Wijsen. (Missiologie in Nijmegen 1930-2010.)
This Occasional Paper is published on the occasion of the 80th anniversary of the Chair of Mission Studies at Radboud University Nijmegen. The authors, professor emeritus and professor of Mission Studies at this university tried to describe the establishment in 1930 and further development of the Chair till 2010, against the background of national and international developments. By doing so they also draw a picture of the multiple transformations in science and society in this period.

Eerst bewust, dan betrokken. Een vergelijkend onderzoek naar armoedebestrijding door Vastenaktie en Ramadanactie. Thirs de Vries. (First aware, then committed. A comparative study into how Vastenaktie and Ramadanactie battle poverty.)
The publication of the study commissioned by the Samenwerkende Moslims Hulp Organisaties (SMHO, Cooperative Muslim Aid Organisations), which NIM carried out in the person of researcher Thirs de Vries in order to answer the question of what Islamic and Christian organisations for development cooperation can learn from each other and how they can battle poverty together. The research shows that the Christian and Muslim theory and practice of fasting and solidarity with the poor are very similar and that these similarities are a strong basis on which they can learn more from each other and cooperate more. Raising awareness and changing mentalities are crucial in the battle against poverty. De Vries (MA) recommends starting as early as possible, namely in primary education. Vastenaktie (Dutch Lenten Campaign) has a long experience in approaching primary schools and it offers a teaching packet to primary schools every year. SMHO would like to develop teaching materials about the Ramadan and Ramadanactie and offer this to Islamic primary schools. In this area there are also ample opportunities for working together and learning from each other.

Publication of Dr. Kirk’s doctoral thesis on the relation between mission studies and epistemology in the context of dialogue between Christianity and secular thought. Dr. Andrew Kirk (b. London, 1937) studied philosophy in London and Cambridge. He was director of the Selly Oak College for Mission Studies and lecturer of mission studies at the University of Birmingham. For many years he was treasurer of the International Association for Mission Studies. Dr. Kirk is the author of fifteen books on topics such as liberation theology and the theology of interreligious dialogue.

Niemand zat op hen te wachten. Geschiedenis van de Nederlandse Augustijnen in Bolivia. Nico Beumer O.S.A. (No One Asked Them to be There. The history of Dutch Augustinians in Bolivia.)
This paper provides a fascinating insight into the lives and work of Dutch Augustinians working in Bolivia from 1930 onward to anyone who is interested in South America and specifically in Bolivia. Naturally, ample attention is paid to the religious, political and social conditions in which they had to work. The conflicting views on how they were to carry out their activities, with their ups and downs, are not concealed. One of their greatest challenges was to give the gospel and the church a Bolivian look and feel. This was no easy task for Augustinians whose roots were the Dutch language, culture and church life: you cannot just shake off your national character. Consequently, friction and conflict were almost inevitable. This book records the difficult yet ultimately positive period between 1930 and 2010. The author, Augustinian Nico Beumer (*1926), left for Bolivia as a theological student at the end of 1951 to finish his studies over there and work as a missionary. As vicar provincial he was in close contact with missionaries and fellow brothers of different nationalities in various South American countries. He returned to the Netherlands after 52 years in 2004, where he works as archivist of the Dutch Augustinian province. In this book he has incorporated his own experiences and those of his fellow brothers in a well-documented manner.

(How an early Christian mission in Galilee failed. Analysis of the mission according to the Q document, using rational choice theory).

Publication of Dr van der Schoof’s thesis in which he tries to answer the question: why did the early Christian mission among the Jews fail? His answer focuses on a concrete case – the Q community in Galilee. The mission of this community is analysed with the aid of rational choice theory. Various sociological features of the Q community militated against its endeavour to capture a bigger share of the religious market. The community was not competitive enough, hence was unable to canvass sufficient new members and became extinct.

Price: Euro 17,50 (excl. postage costs)

Mission from Conversion to Conversation. Ambrose J. Bwangatto.

Publication of Dr Bwangatto’s doctoral thesis in which he develops – using Richard Rorty’s notion of conversation as a sensitising concept – a new model of mission for the Uganda Church in the 21st century, based on a post-foundational understanding of truth.

Price: Euro 17,50 (excl. postage costs)


On December 3, 2013, the Nijmegen Institute for Mission Studies (NIM) celebrated its twentieth anniversary with a jubilee symposium, devoted to diversity and leadership in international orders and congregations. Lectures from keynote speaker Dr Mary John Mananzan OSB and from Dr Mark-Robin Hoogland CP and Dr Frans Dokman.

Price: Euro 7,50 (excl. postage costs)

Eventueel ook met woorden. Bijdragen ter verduidelijking van ‘nieuwe evangelisatie’.

Charles Caspers, Jorge E. Castillo Guerra, Ad Leys (red.)

All lectures from the study day (31 October 2013) organised by the Commissie Overleg Instituten of the KNR – Religious Superiors Conference in the Netherlands under the title: ”‘New evangelisation’: An attractive vision on the relation between faith, community and world?”.

Price: Euro 10, - (excl. postage costs)

Aid in the Age of Markets: Social Enterprises and Catholic Social Thought. Frans Dokman, editor.


With the rise of neo-liberalisation and the increase in migration, a great deal of attention is centred on the social and economic relationships between people. From the angle of Catholic Social Thought the authors, eminent theologians/economist, analyse the (im)possibilities of market mechanisms for social enterprises and their capacity to create more opportunities for larger groups of disadvantaged. Each article makes clear that economics is a science with the theological and social dimensions, the principal objective is to benefit and progress humanity. With contributions of Prof. Dr Albino Barrera OP, Prof. Dr Christoph Hübenthal and Prof. Dr Eelke de Jong.

Price: Euro 7,50 (excl. postage costs)


The Netherlands has been engaged in a multiculturalism debate since many years. Studies have principally centred on communication between autochthonous Dutch people and immigrants, until now. This dissertation of Jennifer Vos focuses on the interactions between Muslim and Christian migrants from the former Dutch colonies of Indonesia and Suriname.

The author argues that people from Indonesia and Suriname do not consider multicultural society as a drama, as some politicians claim. Migrants, and particularly the younger ones, do have an inclination to accentuate their religious identity in their ‘country of arrival’. However, this does not necessarily result in ‘loyalty conflicts’. They have been taught from a very young age that it is perfectly possible to live peacefully together, even if you fundamentally disagree with each other on a number of points, for example regarding questions of faith. The Indonesian and Surinamese migrants studied mainly wished to nuance the one-sided and negative image of Islam in the Netherlands. Furthermore they wished to impress upon their fellow migrants, particularly from
Morocco and Turkey, that they should adapt more to Dutch culture; that according to them the multiculturalism debate has indeed become harsher, but that on the other hand, a number of matters are well organized for migrants in the Netherlands.

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