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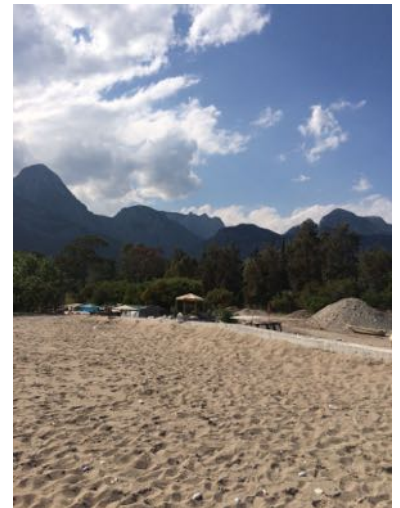
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ENGAGED AND EFFECTIVE: THE IMPACT OF THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION

**6-11 November 2015
Antalya, Turkey**

Theologians and educators from around the world will gather together to discuss how theological education impacts the Church and the world including:

- Impact-based assessment: what, how, and why?
- Impact-based assessment in formal and non-formal theological education
- Measuring the outcome of spiritual formation
- New trends in global theological education
- Innovative models in theological education
- Sustainability and impact assessment in global theological education



The consultation will have plenary sessions as well as workshops, breakout groups, and electives. Speakers include Dr. Chris Wright of Langham Partnership, Dr. David Baer of Overseas Council International, Dr. Dan Aleshire of ATS, and Dr. Elizabeth Sendek of Biblical Seminary of Colombia.



The greatest value of the consultation for many is the opportunity to interact with so many other global theological educators from around the world. It is also a unique place for networking across regions and cultures. Many collaborative projects have been born out of previous ICETE gatherings and we expect that will be the case again in 2015.

Watch [this video](#) for more information.

Registration is online, and the site includes seminar topics and information about optional tours taking place during the consultation. Visit [here](#) to register now.

Any school or institution that is a member of their regional accrediting association qualifies for the ICETE member rate. **Through 30 April, there is a 10% discount for those who register and complete payment for this exciting event.**

	Shared double room	Single room	
ICETE member- from Majority World countries	US\$ 450,00	US\$ 650.00	
ICETE member/ affiliate/partner from non Majority World Countries	US\$ 585.00	US\$ 785.00	
Other participants	US\$ 685.00	US\$ 885.00	
Couples	Special	Price	US\$ 960.00

Introducing the Regional Associations

“ICETE is a global community, sponsored by nine regional associations of theological schools, to enable international interaction and collaboration among all those concerned for the enhancement of evangelical theological education worldwide.” To further encourage interaction and collaboration, we will be introducing each of the nine regional associations over the next 3 newsletters. If you’d like to know more specific information about any of these associations, please visit their website or contact [Mrs. Stefani Ferenczi](#).

Asia Theological Association (ATA)

<http://www.ataasia.com/>

ATA was established in 1970 as a direct outcome of the need expressed at several Asia wide conferences and consultations. Since then, it has grown into a movement committed to serving its members in the development of evangelical biblical theology by strengthening interaction, enhancing scholarship, promoting academic excellence, fostering spiritual and ministerial formation, and mobilizing resources to fulfill God’s global mission within diverse Asian cultures.

ATA is a founding member of CHEA International Quality Group (CIQG). She is also an Intermediate member of Asia Pacific Quality Network.

With 282 members in 34 nations, ATA continues to be active in global and regional ministries. In February, the ATA International led by Dr. Joseph Shao (General Secretary), Dr. Takanori Kobayashi (Chairman of the Board), Dr. Paul Cornelius (Regional Secretary), and Dr. Shekar Singh (ATA India Chair), visited the leaders of the Senate of Serampore to discuss the mutual respect and recognition of degrees.

To make ATA International more relevant and effective in her ministry, ATA is revising her Constitution and working on the By Laws.

The triennial General Assembly will be held in Chongshin University in Seoul, Korea on July 25-29, 2016

Mission Statement: ATA seeks to:

Strengthen interaction through inter-institutional fellowship and programs, regional and continental activities, faculty and student exchange programs.

Enhance scholarship through consultations, workshops, seminars, publications, and research fellowships.

Promote academic excellence through accreditation standards, faculty and curriculum development.

Foster spiritual and ministerial formation by providing mentor models, encouraging the development of ministerial skills and a Christian ethos.

Mobilize resources through library development, information technology and infra-structural development.

Region: Asia, with regional Associations in India, Japan, Korea, and New Zealand

Member Schools: 282 member institutions from 34 nations

Leadership: Dr. Takanori Kobayashi, Chairperson, Dr. Joseph Shao, General Secretary

CETA: Caribbean Evangelical Theological Association

<http://www.cetaweb.info>

CETA officially launched in 1973, with 21 training institutions from 11 territories and representing the four language areas of the Caribbean. At that time, the association was known as the Caribbean Association of Bible College (CABC). The name was changed to the Caribbean Evangelical Theological Association in 1985 to better reflect the services offered. In 1986, the Caribbean Graduate School of Theology was launched in Kingston, Jamaica, as direct result of the work of a CETA committee and feasibility study.

Mission Statement: CETA exists to provide information for professional association among theological college administrators and theologians and to assist theological institutions and programmes throughout the Caribbean in their quest for excellence and renewal

Region: Caribbean

Member Schools: 28 member schools

President: Dr. Dieumeme Noelliste

News from Regional Associations Around the World

ABHE: The Association for Biblical Higher Education <http://www.abhe.org/>

- The Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) and ABHE have ratified a *Memorandum of Affiliation*. ACSI comprises approximately 3,300 US member schools and 22,000 international member schools encompassing a total enrollment of nearly 4 million students worldwide. Nearly 140 colleges and universities are ACSI members, 37 of which have earned ACSI's teacher education program approval (HEAP). The ABHE-ACSI partnership will involve reciprocation of associate membership, cross-representation on our accrediting commissions, and a variety of resource and service exchanges, including ACSI's *ConNEXUS* (professional development, peer communication, and portfolio management) and ABHE's comprehensive *CampusSIS* (enterprise resource platform) information technology systems.
- ABHE has engaged *The Barna Group* research and communications firm to undertake a major market research and communications initiative in 2015. This comprehensive effort will entail multi-dimensional data collection and analysis that delivers actionable insights, messaging, and communications strategies relative to our member colleges' market positioning, enrollment influences, and attraction features. In addition to aggregated findings and recommendations, individual institutions will have the opportunity to opt for customized institution-focused research at varying levels of investment.
- ABHE will offer 3-day **ABHE Faculty LIFE** (Learning Institute for Excellence) workshops in Summer 2015 at Pillar College (NJ), Tyndale University College (ON), and Southeastern Bible College (AL). The workshop program will serve member institutions by providing faculty with comprehensive training that elevates their understanding of biblical higher education distinctives and enhances their instructional capacity. Participants will learn to balance theory and praxis as the program curriculum focuses on four specific areas: Christian worldview, biblical higher education distinctives, leadership development, and post-secondary teaching and learning.

- Steve Moore, President of *MissioNexus*, North America's largest and most inclusive network of Great Commission oriented evangelicals, will join the Association for Biblical Higher Education team upon the conclusion of his *MissioNexus* service in July 2015. By establishing and directing ABHE's *Center for Excellence in Leadership*, Steve will create, lead, and seek to multiply leadership development opportunities for ABHE's highest capacity students and, in time, perhaps many others as opportunity presents itself for collaboration on a continental and global scale. He will lead in leveraging the collective strength of ABHE member institutions to shine a brighter light on the value of leadership service and elevate the dynamic of peer learning to realize the vision of hundreds of ABHE students from dozens of member institutions deeply engaged, enriched, inspired, and networked to engender in the emerging generation passionate, authentic, and effective leadership for kingdom initiatives that accelerate the fulfillment of the Great Commission.

AETAL: Association of Theological Education in Latin America <http://www.aetal.com>

IN MEMORY OF DR. EMILIO ANTONIO NÚÑEZ

On January 14, Dr. Emilio Antonio Núñez went home to be with the Lord, at the age of 91. His teaching ministry, which began while he was still a student at the Central American Bible Institute (now SETECA) spanned 65 years.

Dr. Núñez graduated with honors from Southern Methodist University (B.A.) and Dallas Theological Seminary (Th.M. and Th. D.). When the Central American Theological Seminary opened its doors in 1966, he became its first rector (president). In 1979 he left his administrative role to devote full time to teaching.

Dr. Núñez was the author of some 20 books and participated in the founding of the Latin American Theological Fraternity. He participated in important international conferences and served on the board of several Christian organizations. But perhaps his greatest contribution was the impact he had on multiple generations of students.

He was preceded in death by his first wife Sara and his second wife Esther. He is survived by his daughters Sara Amelia, Martha, and Blanca, by his son Emilio Antonio Jr, and their families. We thank God for the life and ministry of Emilio Antonio Núñez, and for the lasting legacy he has left us.

ICETE Receives New Recognitions

The [Union of International Associations \(UIA\)](#) is a repository for current and historical information on the work of international organizations. UIA collects, hosts and provides up-to-date, reliable information on global civil society and maintains the most comprehensive source of information on international associations, their activities and concerns, and their meetings activities. One of the ways this information is made available through the Yearbook of International Organizations, which includes information about organizations from 300 countries and territories. ICETE is pleased to be included in this yearbook. For access to the Yearbook, please visit [this site](#).

The Council for Higher Education Accreditation International Quality Group (CIQG) is a forum for colleges, universities, and accrediting associations to address issues and challenges in quality assessment and assurance. ICETE is now a member of The Council for Higher Education Accreditation International Quality Group. For more information, please visit [this site](#).

World Evangelical Alliance (WEA) Inaugurates New Secretary General

February 9-13, WEA hosted their annual International Leadership Forum (ILF), in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. The gathering brought together more than 70 leaders from 40 different countries. Thanks to support from the Confraternidad Evangélica de Honduras and the Alianza Evangélica Latina, this was first ILF to be hosted in Latin America.



During the ILF, Bishop Efraim Tendero was inaugurated as the new Secretary General for the WEA. His tenure began officially 1 March. Tendero says, "When I was asked to become the next Secretary General, a main reason that I accepted the task was the clear purpose of the WEA. It is very difficult, even impossible, to guide an organization that doesn't know the reason of its existence. But when there is an organism with its foundations in the purposes of God: furthering the witness of Christ, strengthening the Church and pursuing holiness, justice, and renewal at every level of society; then the difficult again becomes possible. All of my ministry is serving the Church so that the Church will be used by God to transform and disciple the nations."



ICETE International Director, Dr. Riad Kassis, participated in this event. For more information about the International Leadership Forum or WEA, please visit [their website](#).

The IPAL2 in Belarus

Forty-six participants from 22 different theological programs from Eastern Europe met January 27-29, 2015 in Minsk, Belarus to consider the role of academic leadership in the shaping of curriculum. The training event was co-sponsored by the Euro-Asian Accrediting Association (EAAA) and the International Council for Evangelical Theological Education (ICETE). ICETE's Programme for Academic Leadership (IPAL) is part of a three-year training effort one of the key support services offered to regional theological associations, designed with three basic purposes:

1. To strengthen ICETE's regional networks as they serve the training programmes affiliated with them through the bringing together and the offering practical services to member institutions of those regional theological networks.
2. To offer practical skills in academic leadership to those who are in roles of academic leadership, but who rarely have been equipped for the leadership roles that they have.
3. To encourage the synergy that results in academic excellence when practitioners interact with one another as they discuss and solve problems related to academic leadership through their being together, along with international expertise.

The 22 training programs who came to Minsk were mostly from the Ukraine, although there were two from Russia and one each from Moldova, Lithuania and Belarus.

Had this IPAL2 happened when it was originally scheduled in Kiev for mid-February of 2014 the

participants would have been present for the major unrest that occurred that week. As the E-AAA anticipated the problems, it was postponed to Moscow in early May of 2015. However ongoing tensions within the region forced it to be postponed indefinitely until a more neutral site, like Belarus, was found.

The participants were very grateful to be able to meet and study together. May God give them all mercy and wisdom as they continue to train leadership churches and Christian organizations throughout the region.



Resources of Interest

Pickwick Publications releases new book: Ian W. Payne is the Principal and Head of Theology at South Asia Institute of Advanced Christian Studies (SAIACS) in Bangalore, India. He has recently released a new book, titled ***Wouldn't you Love to Know?*** Building on Karl Barth, Payne argues that God's knowing guides how human know. The book unpacks an epistemology and pedagogy of love. For more information about the book, please see the [attached flyer](#).

The **Theological Research Exchange Network (TREN)** is a library of over 21,000 theological thesis and dissertation titles, representing research from nearly 140 institutions. Titles can be searched and ordered online. TREN also includes conference papers from multiple academic

societies. Documents are available as hardcopy, e-doc, or microfiche. And they have recently released a free App, available for both iPhone and Android. For more information, please visit <http://www.tren.com>.

InterVarsity Press Makes Discipleship Books Available in French: Rev. Dr. Paul Mbunga Mpindi, Executive Director of Mission French Africa Ministries, has written three books on discipleship that are of particular value to those working in Francophone Africa: *Morale Chrétienne en Milieu Africain*, *Les 10 Piéges du Leader Chrétien*, and *Cure d'âme Profonde*. If you are interested in any of these titles, you may contact pba Éditions directly at pbaeditions@gmail.com

The **Theological Book Network** (the Network) seeks a dynamic individual to serve as VP for Advancement and Communications. The Network is a non-profit organization committed to the development of Majority World (Global South) leaders by providing access to high quality theological resources from the West, and promoting publication and dissemination of indigenous scholarship from the Majority World. We are committed to shared learning and believe that books can change lives. Reporting to the Executive Director, this position will develop and execute a successful fundraising and communications strategy to enable the Network to grow and fulfill its mission. Qualifications include a Master's Degree; proven success in fund development (major gifts, grants, membership, events); PR; and a passion for the Network's mission. Excellent salary and benefits. See <http://app.hireology.com/s/33364> for more information and to apply online.

ATLA/EBSCO Developing Countries Initiative: The American Theological Library Association (ATLA) Religion Database provides articles and reviews from more than 300 journals, some dating back to the nineteenth century. ATLASerials is their online, full-text collection. As of September 2014, schools and libraries in eligible developing countries can now subscribe to ATLASerials without also subscribing to the full Religion Database. ATLA also now allows subscriptions to be sponsored by other institutions, businesses, or individuals on behalf of a school or library. Both of these options might make an ATLA subscription more affordable for schools in developing countries. For more information about this initiative, please see the [ATLA website](#).

***Evangelicals Around the World: A Global Handbook for the 21st Century* released by Thomas Nelson**

There are an estimated 600 million Evangelicals in the world today, crossing cultures, histories, languages, politics, and nationalities. *Evangelicals Around the World: A Global Handbook for the 21st Century* introduces the fastest-growing segment of the global Christian church to the world and to each other.

Bringing together a team of multi-disciplined scholars, writers, activists, and leaders from around the world, this handbook provides a compelling look at the diverse group we call Evangelicals. In this guide, written by those who know the movement the best, the issues that divide and the beliefs that unite this global Christian movement are presented in a journalistic fashion. *Evangelicals Around the World* describes the past and the present, the unique characters, and the powerful ministries of Evangelicals. With a large trim size and colorful page design, this beautiful book is the perfect choice for laypeople and scholars alike.

Features include:

- Essays written by senior leaders of the movement and newer voices with fresh perspectives
- Articles written by journalists convey diverse and creative perspectives on ministry
- Essays provide the demographic details of Evangelicals in regions around the world
- Maps, graphs, photographs, quotes and mini-profiles of evangelical heroes throughout time

For more information, please see the [Thomas Nelson website](#) or preview the book [here](#)

You are invited to be considered as a contributor for the **Transformative Word Series**, published by Lexham Press, a division of Faithlife Corporation (makers of Logos Bible Software).

In the Transformative Word Series, readers study the Bible with a cast of church leaders and scholars from around the world. Contributors write in their native language, and their volumes are then translated and published in multiple languages. In a conversational tone, each author explains the importance of a biblical book, showing how it can transform lives today.

The Transformative Word Series is edited by [Dr. Craig Bartholomew](#) (coauthor of *The Drama of Scripture*). Each volume is around 20,000 words (the equivalent of a small-format, 90-page book) and deals with a specific biblical book and theme.

Two volumes in the series have been published already: [When You Want to Yell at God: The Book of Job](#) by Craig Bartholomew and [Cutting Ties with Darkness: 2 Corinthians](#) by John D. Barry, Publisher of Lexham Press.

If you have any initial interest, please contact Lexham Press' representative Abigail Salinger at abby.salinger@logos.com. To find out more about Lexham Press, visit [their website](#).

WRF/Lausanne Global Theological Education Consultation Videos Now Available

In June 2014, 56 key influencers of global theological education, representing every continent, gathered in São Paulo, Brazil, for the **Lausanne Consultation on Theological Education: Toward Biblical Partnership in Global Theological Education**. In addition to The Lausanne Movement, the consultation was sponsored by The World Reformed Fellowship, World Evangelical Alliance, Overseas Council, Fellowship of Evangelical Seminary Presidents, Langham Partnership, and International Council of Evangelical Theological Education, and was hosted by Mackenzie Presbyterian University.

The purpose of the Consultation was to bring together the top leaders from evangelical theological colleges and seminaries from the around the world to 1. discuss what makes good partnerships among such educational institutions, and 2. encourage and facilitate the formation of such partnerships in order to build up the work of global evangelical theological education. Additional information about the consultation and videos to most of the sessions from the Consultation can be found [here](#).

Lausanne is convening several consultations each year around the issues articulated in the Cape Town Commitment. For more information about these consultations, visit www.lausanne.org.

International Orality Network has two consultation events planned for this year. The first will take place at Oklahoma Baptist University 22-23 June 2015. The theme is "Orality and Literacies: Implications for Communications and Education." If you are interested in this topic or attending the consultation, please contact [Chuck Madinger](#).

The second consultation was initiated by African leaders in theological education and will take place at Daystar University. The theme is "Orality Practitioner and Theological Education in Africa" and it is scheduled for 12-16 October 2015. If you would like more information, please contact [Emmanuel Chemengich](#).

With all the jumble of human disagreements, how can we know? Can the Christian church think coherently about knowledge? Can it regain confidence in teaching what it knows? In an increasingly divided and pessimistic postmodern world this book offers a theology for epistemology and for pedagogy that aims to be faithful and fruitful.

Building on Karl Barth, it argues that God's knowing guides how humans know. We should imitate God's epistemic stance—his love—for that is the best model for knowing anything. The Trinitarian theme in Barth identifies three key concepts: committedness, openness, and relationality. These mean being committed and open towards what we wish to know. Relational open committedness also profoundly clarifies and shapes what love means in knowing and in teaching. This book unpacks an epistemology and pedagogy of love. *Wouldn't you love to know?*

WOULDN'T YOU LOVE TO KNOW?

Trinitarian Epistemology and Pedagogy

IAN W. PAYNE

"Payne lays before his reader not only a Trinitarian epistemology but a challenge to live and teach as God self-reveals and teaches us. Trinitarian pedagogy combines cherishing and challenging learners. Payne not only leads his reader to grasp the significance of Trinitarian commitment for life and education, he demonstrates it in pedagogic theory and practice. This is a book that will challenge theological faculties to reconsider the ways they teach and the nature of a truly academic community."

ROBERT W. FERRIS, Professor Emeritus, Columbia International University

"*Wouldn't You Love to Know?* presents a profound and well-reasoned argument for seeing Trinitarian love as the foundation for Christian knowing. Particularly for those of us committed to the teaching ministry of the church, Ian Payne's exposition of the Trinitarian basis for relational and transformational education has far-reaching implications."

PERRY SHAW, Professor of Christian Education, Arab Baptist Theological Seminary, Beirut, Lebanon

"Ian Payne has made a valuable and significant contribution to the church in general and the field of Christian education in particular. Beginning with an illuminating analysis of Barth's Trinitarian theology, Payne develops an epistemological foundation that will be of great benefit in efforts to articulate a uniquely Christian philosophy of education. Based upon both the Trinitarian nature of God as well as His love, this epistemological base can lead naturally to educational practice that is more distinctly Christian in nature."

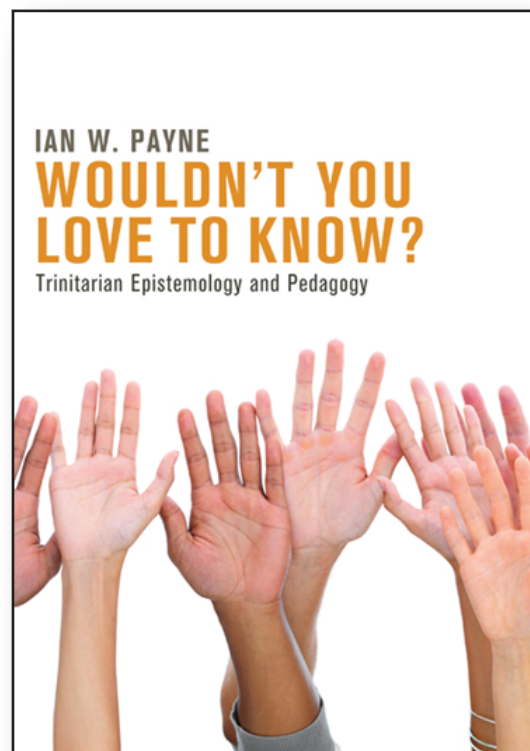
JOHN R. LILLIS, Executive Officer/Dean, Bethel Seminary, San Diego

"Ian Payne makes a compelling case that Karl Barth's theology speaks to the philosophy of education; teaching should be driven by love for the student and the subject under God. The learner is transformed for the service of others. The book is a timely antidote to the increasingly utilitarian focus of educational institutions on careers, rankings, and money. Payne's book is enhanced by his substantial teaching experience, in both the Western and Majority Worlds."

ROSS MCKENZIE, Professor of Physics, University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia

"*Wouldn't you Love to Know?* is a significant contribution to Christian perspectives on education. If you are an educator like me, you may be drawn to read chapter 5 first. But take your time then to work backwards to appreciate the soundly Trinitarian foundations for Ian's intriguing model—a process all the richer if you do so with others you are coming to know and love."

ALLAN HARKNESS, Director of Education Programs and Dean
AGST Alliance (Asia Graduate School of Theology Alliance), Singapore



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