

NAGEL INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDY OF WORLD CHRISTIANITY (NIGB)

GOVERNING BOARD
BOARD CHAIR: PEGGY GOETZ

A. Major issues addressed by the governing board during the 2009–2010 year

The Governing Board reviewed all current and ongoing projects run by the Nagel Institute. These include the traveling exhibit, “Charis: Christianity, Context, and the Visual Arts;” the Templeton projects with Chinese philosophers, “Science, Philosophy and Belief” and “Values and Virtues;” and a “Christianity and Democracy” seminar in South Africa. Other programs reviewed were ““Primal Religions Phase III & IV” held in Peru (Aug 2009) and Samoa (July 2010); and “IAPCHE Book Project,” a collaboration with the International Association for the Promotion of Christian Higher Education and Baylor University. Nagel Fellowships were selected in Dec. 2009.

B. Actions brought before Faculty Senate

None

C. Other actions, not involving Faculty Senate, that the board initiated or implemented

Director Carpenter is pursuing support for a project dealing with Christian thought in Africa with Kurt Berends by submitting a proposal to the Cornerstone Trust for a planning grant. The Institute is also following up on a proposal presented via the CCCU to the John Templeton Foundation for support for future Gospel and Culture seminars in China and Brazil. A Latin-American partnership connected with the Conference on Faith and History has continued to develop with the support of the Nagel Institute and others, and they hope to have a conference in San Jose in 2011. Baylor University Press has accepted the proposal for a series of monographs on Christian movements arising in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Pacific region; the Nagel Institute will be responsible for the editorial management of the series. Director Carpenter is also talking with Baker Academic about a series of short, reflective works by eminent Christian scholars in a variety of disciplines, on how their outlook has changed, and how they think their disciplines should change, in response to the southward and easterly direction of Christianity worldwide.

D. Issues that will continue to be before the governing board next year

1. Several multi-year projects are ongoing and will continue into 2010-2011
2. Future funding opportunities