



2023
INTERNATIONAL
CONGRESS ON
CALVIN RESEARCH

July 25-28, 2023

Calvin Theological Seminary & Calvin University, Grand Rapids

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WELCOME

On behalf of Calvin University and Calvin Theological Seminary, welcome! We are delighted to be hosting the participants in the 13th quadrennial International Calvin Congress on our campus, and we look forward to stimulating presentations and discussions over the next four days. The congress topic, “John Calvin, Exile, and Religious Refugees” is very timely – both in Calvin’s day and today, individuals and communities have faced pressures and persecution that have led them to seek refuge elsewhere, and to look for the help of fellow believers along the way.

In 2026, the university and seminary will be celebrating 150 years of providing higher education and training grounded in the Reformed faith. Our aim to think deeply, act justly, and live wholeheartedly as Christ’s agents of renewal in the world, and our commitment to being called to serve are rooted in core Reformed values of vocation and service. As we welcome you to our campus, we encourage you to take a moment to enjoy your surroundings, and we stand ready at any time to talk with you about prospects for undergraduate or graduate study at Calvin.



Dr. Wiebe Boer
President of Calvin University



Rev. Jul Medenblik
President of Calvin
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General Information



Place

Dorm lodging is in **Schultze-Eldersveld Hall**. (See page 16)
Panel papers will take place in the Seminary classroom wing: (Rooms 140, 142, and 241)



Meal Times

All meals will take place in the **Knollcrest dining hall**. (See page 16)



Coffee Breaks

All breaks will take place in the **Seminary Student Center** where you can also find the publishers' book tables. (See page 17)



WiFi

Participants can use WiFi on Calvin's campus
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If you have **questions, comments, or concerns**, please email us at internationalcalvincongress@gmail.com

For conference matters that need immediate attention, congress staff can be contacted through the following number: **616-254-9474**

In case of a medical or safety emergency, Campus Safety can be reached at **616-526-3333**

Plenary Speakers



Michael Bruening
Missouri University of
Science and Technology



Amy Nelson Burnett
University of
Nebraska-Lincoln



Max Engammare
Editor in chief,
Librarie Droz, Geneva



Bruce Gordon
Yale Divinity School



Jan C. Klok
Theological
University of Kampen



Mirjam van Veen
Vrije Universiteit,
Amsterdam



Kenneth Woo
Pittsburgh
Theological Seminary

Tuesday, July 25th

8:30 am

Registration open | Student Center

10:15 - 10:30 am

Welcoming Address | Auditorium

10:30 - 11:40 am

Plenary Lecture #1 | Auditorium

Against 'Many Cains' and Fickle Travelers: Differentiated Exile in Calvin's Exegesis | **Kenneth Woo**
| Chaired by **Arnold Huijgen**

12:00 - 1:15 pm

Lunch | Knollcrest Dining Hall

1:15 - 2:30 pm

Short Paper Panels #1

Room 140 / Chaired by **Yudha Thianto**

The Legitimacy of Taking Interest: Revisiting Jean Calvin's Contribution to the Reform of the Financial Economy | **Erik de Boer**

Pious City: Boundaries of Charity in Calvin's Geneva | **Esther Chung-Kim**

Room 142 / Chaired by **Max Engammare**

Unapologetically Preaching on Both Sin and God's Love: Learning from Calvin's Deuteronomy Sermon | **Forrest Buckner**

Hominum confusione et Dei providentia: God's Providence and Evil in Calvin's Sermons on Job | **Ton Ouwerkerk**

Room 241 / Chaired by **Karin Maag**

'You Can't Go Home Again': Exiles and the Trauma of Re-entry | **Amanda Eurich**

'We are both refugees'—Theodore Beza, Father Abraham, and Divine Providence | **Scott Manetsch**

Tuesday, July 25th

2:40 - 3:50 pm

Plenary Lecture #2 | Auditorium

Living in Babylon: Calvin's correspondence with believers living in exile | **Mirjam Van Veen**
| Chaired by **Yudha Thianto**

4:00 - 4:30 pm

Coffee Break | Student Center

4:30 - 5:45 pm

Short Paper Panels #2

Room 140 / Chaired by **Tony Lane**

Apprehending the Incarnate Son of God: The Wonderful Exchange in the Lord's Supper
| **Kevin Emmert**

Augustinian and Dionysian Synthesis in Calvin's Mystical Union with Christ | **Erika Qian Liang**

Room 142 / Chaired by **Barbara Pitkin**

Were There 'Two Kingdoms' in Calvin's Geneva?: Some Evidence from the *Registres du Consistoire* | **Lucas Kriner**

Calvin and His Influence: Public Morality of the City of Debrecen (1547-1625)
| **Balázs Dávid Magyar**

6:00 - 7:30 pm

Supper | Knollcrest Dining Hall

7:30 - 8:30 pm

Special Evening Program #1 / Psalmfest: Psalms of Exile, Psalms of Hope | Chapel

* Refreshments will be provided after the program in the Auditorium Lobby.



Psalmfest

Psalms of Exile, Psalms of Hope



Calvin Theological Seminary Chapel, Tuesday 7:30 pm

Prelude

Welcome and Opening Prayer

A Psalm of Lament and Hope: Psalm 42

A Psalm of exile: Psalm 137

A Psalm of reliance on God: Psalm 124

A Psalm of repentance and calling on God: Psalm 6

A Psalm of trust: Psalm 116

A Psalm of rejoicing: Psalm 98

A Psalm of Praise as doxology: Psalm 100

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Wednesday, July 26th

7:30 am

Breakfast | Knollcrest Dining Hall

8:45 - 9:00 am

Devotions and Announcements | Auditorium
Devotion led by Tony Lane

9:00 - 10:10 am

Plenary Lecture #3 | Auditorium
Exile on Psalm Street: Calvin Correcting his Anatomy of All the Parts of the Soul in his Psalms Commentary | **Max Engammare** | Chaired by **Karin Maag**

10:10 - 10:40 am

Coffee Break | Student Center

10:40 - 11:50 am

Plenary Lecture #4 | Auditorium
Digital Correspondence Projects for Scholars of Calvinism | **Jan C. Klok** and **Amy Burnett**
| Chaired by **David Whitford**

12:00 - 1:15 pm

Lunch | Knollcrest Dining Hall

1:15 - 2:30 pm

Short Paper Panels #3

Room 140 / Chaired by **Arnold Huijgen**

Calvin on the Nature and Necessity of Christ's Satisfaction for Sin | **Carl Mosser**

Between Erasmian Philology and Augustinian Theology: Calvin's Doctrinal Exegesis of Original Sin in its Exegetical Context of Romans 5 | **Jeb Ralston**

Wednesday, July 26th

2:40 - 3:55 pm

Room 142 / Chaired by Eric Kayayan

Calvin's Strategy for Interpreting Scripture | Merwyn Johnson

Calvin's Consolatory Theology for Suffering Christians: In light of Calvin's Hermeneutics of Genesis | David Roh

Room 241 / Chaired by Barbara Pitkin

'Brought up at the Feet of Gamaliel': New Light on Guy de Brès's Stay in Geneva | Wim Moehn

The Italian Connection: Galeazzo Cariatocolo, Marquis de Vico, as a Well-Respected Reformed Refugee in Geneva | Machiel VandenBerg

Short Paper Panels #4

Room 140 / Chaired by Tony Lane

Better Late than Never: Vatican II as a Response to Calvin | Ronald Feenstra & Dennis Tamburello

Calvinus Theologus: The International Congress on Calvin Research, the First 25 Years

| Victor E. d'Assonville

Room 142 / Chaired by Jung-Sook Lee

Calvin as Viewed by the Arminians at the Synod of Dordt (1618-1619) | Donald Sinnema

Voetius's Minimal Reception of the Seed of Religion: In Face of the Rise of Cartesianism

| Kyung Phil Kim

Room 241 / Chaired by Karin Maag

Theological Echoes of Calvin's Ecclesiology of the Suffering Church in the Writings of the Five Student Martyrs of Lyon | Bonnie Pattison

John Calvin on *Quidditas* and the Knowledge of God: Exegetical and Historical Perspectives

| Alden McCray



Wednesday, July 26th

3:55 - 4:20 pm

Coffee Break | Student Center

4:20 - 5:35 pm

Short Paper Panels #5

Room 140 / Chaired by Barbara Pitkin

Calvin and Bullinger: Similarities and Differences in Their Treatment of the Marian Exiles
| Ariane Albisser

Calvin's Attempt to Have Influence on the Swedish Crown | Kalle Elonheimo

Room 142 / Chaired by Jung-Sook Lee

Pastoral Care and Fear of Hell in the Reformed Tradition | Preston Hill

Calvin, Nicodemism, and the Care of the Oppressed: Pastoral Care in Difficult Moments
| Ward Holder

6:00 - 7:30 pm

Supper | Knollcrest Dining Hall

7:30 - 9:15 pm

Special Evening Program #2 / After Dark: The life and Times of John Calvin | Chapel



The Life and Times of John Calvin

An enacted retelling of the life and times of John Calvin by Stan Sturing

One month before his death, John Calvin met with the City Council of Geneva in his home to bid them farewell. The next night, on April 28, 1564, the Genevan pastors were invited to meet with him for one last time to say their goodbyes. This is your invitation to join them as John looks back over his life and gives thanks for the gracious hand of God in his life.



Before becoming a pastor, Stan worked in theater and acting. Stan has served as a pastor in two churches before becoming a Specialized Transitional Minister within the Christian Reformed Church. Don't miss this incredible opportunity to hear John Calvin recount the highlights and challenges of his life as a pastor and Reformer during the tumultuous period of the sixteenth century!

Thursday, July 27th

7:30 am

Breakfast | Knollcrest Dining Hall

8:45 - 9:00 am

Devotions and Announcements | Auditorium
Devotion led by Eric Kayayan

9:00 - 10:10 am

Plenary Lecture #5 | Auditorium
Calvin's Opponents and the Predestination Debate from Bolsec to Baro | Michael Bruening
| Chaired by Jung-Sook Lee

10:10 - 10:30 am

Coffee Break | Student Center

10:30 - 11:45 am

Short Paper Panels #6

Room 140 / Chaired by Victor E. d'Assonville

Calvin's Medieval Doctrine of the Beatific Vision and its Reception in the Reformed Tradition
| Zachary Seals

The Holy Spirit and Church Unity in Calvin's Reply to Sadoleto | Thapelo Khumalo

Room 142 / Chaired by Yudha Thianto

The First Principle of Pancasila, Calvin's Political Thought, and Public Religion | Benyamin Intan
The Exile Motifs in Calvin's Early View on the Doctrine of Covenant | Sam Ha

Room 241 / Chaired by Karin Maag

Penal Substitutionary Atonement in Calvin's Theology | Matthew Visk

John Calvin's Theological Reflection on the Necessity of Prayer | Hojin Ahn

Thursday, July 27th

12:00 - 1:15 pm

Lunch

1:15 - 2:30 pm

Special plenary session honoring Professor Richard A. Muller

2:45 pm

Excursion Start: Board the Bus

3:35 pm

Arrival in Holland, Michigan

Option 1

Tour and Talk at the Van Raalte Institute

The Van Raalte Institute is a special collection and research center focusing on Dutch American history in the 19th and 20th centuries.

Option 2

A presentation by Lighthouse Immigrant Advocates

This presentation focuses on today's immigration challenges and some of the stories of refugees, asylum-seekers, and undocumented people coming to West Michigan.

After the presentations, conference participants are free to explore downtown Holland and enjoy a meal at any of the local restaurants.

* For information on local restaurants in downtown Holland, see page 18

* Dinner at Knollcrest dining hall is not available on Thursday evening.

7:00 pm

Departure back to Grand Rapids

Friday, July 28th

7:30 am

Breakfast | Knollcrest Dining Hall

8:45 - 9:00 am

Devotions and Announcements | Auditorium
Devotion led by Victor E. d'Assonville

9:00 - 10:10 am

Plenary Lecture #6 | Auditorium
'In returning and rest you shall be saved': Land, Memory, and Inheritance for Huldrych Zwingli and John Calvin | Bruce Gordon | Chaired by Barbara Pitkin

10:10 - 10:35 am

Coffee Break | Student Center

10:35 - 11:50 am

Short Paper Panels #6
Room 140 / Chaired by Eric Kayayan
Doctors for the Church's Sake: Revisiting Calvin's Ecclesiology | Manuel Gallardo
The Impact of John Calvin's Militant Church Concept on Two Kingdoms Theology | Nathan Chung

Room 142 / Chaired by Tony Lane
Calvin as Textual Critic in his Commentary on John | Jeffrey Riddle
The Holiness of God: in Se and Pro Nobis | Audy Santoso

12:00 - 12:15 pm

Closing Remarks | Auditorium

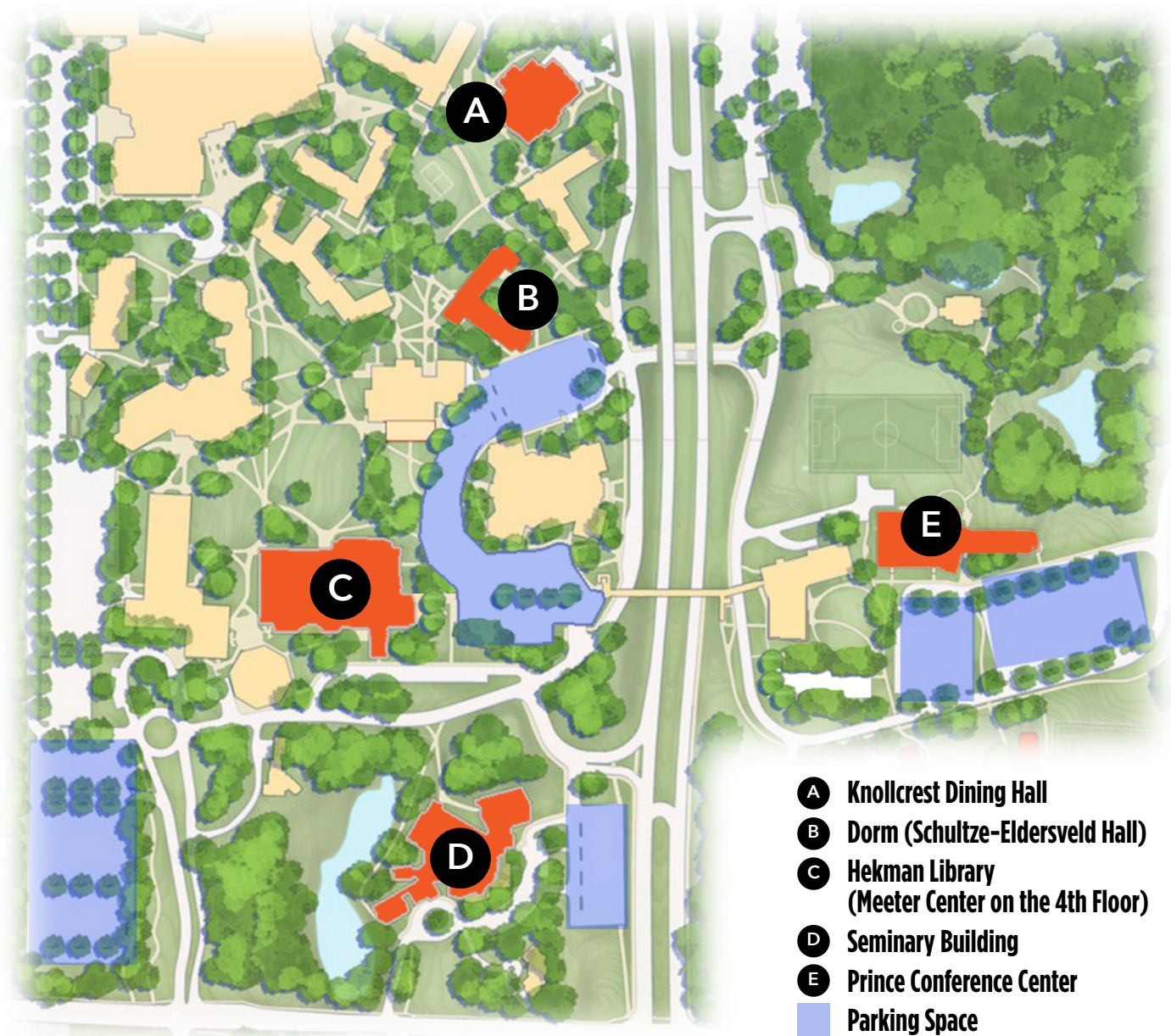
12:15 - 1:30 pm

Lunch (and business meeting for Praesidium members) | Knollcrest Dining Hall

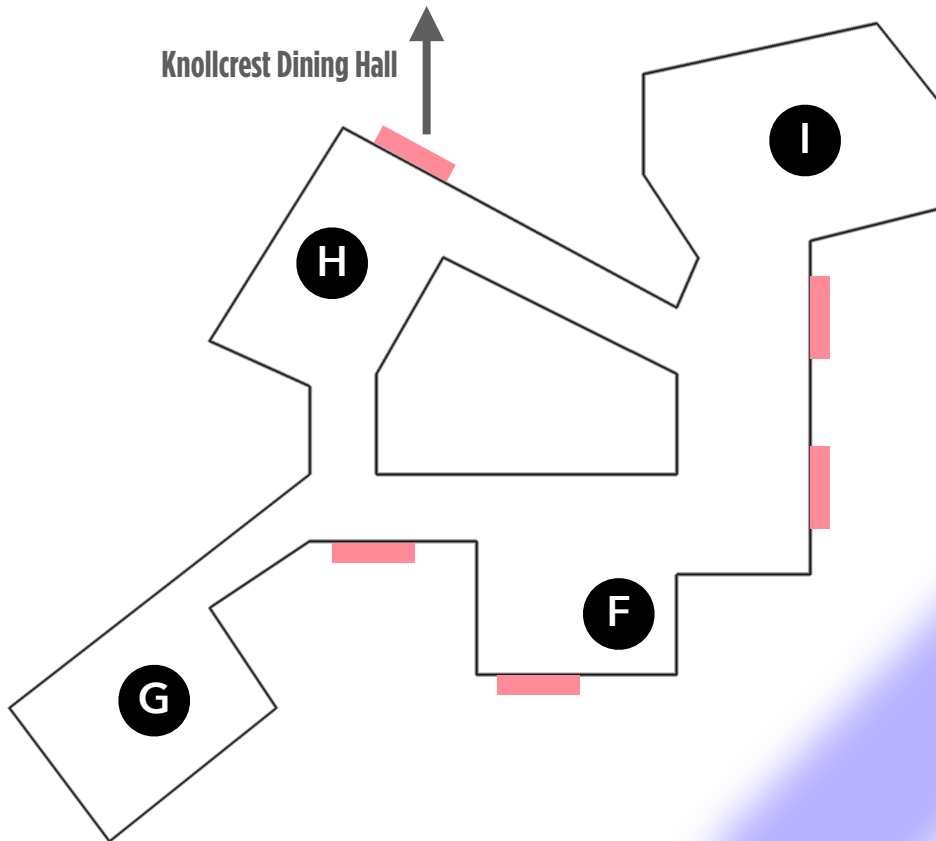
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Departures

Campus Map



Seminary Building Map



- F** Auditorium
- G** Chapel
- H** Rooms 140, 142, and 241
- I** Student Center
- Entrance**
- Parking Space**

List of Local Restaurants

Grand Rapids

Rose's | American & Mediterranean
550 Lakeside Dr SE

Uccello's Ristorante | Italian
2630 E Beltline Ave SE

Carolina Lowcountry Kitchen | Southern-style
2213 Wealthy St SE Ste 120

The Kitchen by Wolfgang Puck | American
187 Monroe Ave NW

Gaslight Kitchen Asian Cuisine | Vietnamese
2128 Wealthy St SE

Tea Garden | Chinese
2500 E Beltline Ave SE

Firefox & CM Chicken | Korean
3323 28th St SE

Jaku Sushi North | Japanese
2289 E Beltline Ave NE Suite B

Holland

New Holland Brewing | Dutch-style American
66 E 8th St

The Curragh Irish Pub | Irish
73 E 8th St

Crust 54 | Italian
45 E 8th St

Seventy-Six | American
52 W 8th St

Mizu Sushi | Asian
99 E 8th St

OI Asian Bistro | Asian
68 W 8th St

Current Members of the Calvin Congress Praesidium

Victor d'Assonville (South Africa)
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* The praesidium at the 12th quadrennial ICCR at Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, 2018.



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