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M.Phil.-graduates

Now—in January 2004—our network goes into its fourth year. Its three years of existence is not very much, and it is probably a bit early to start drawing historical lines. Nevertheless, we ought to acknowledge what we have achieved, and the major achievement so far is probably the M.Phil.-program in Stavanger. The School of Mission and Theology started its international two years M.Phil.-program in 1994 (i.e. six years before the network was formally established), and the first candidates graduated in 1996. From 1996 to 2003, 43 candidates have graduated, and as many as 36 of these come from the institutions of our network of theology and religious studies. The following pages will present their theses, and hopefully give a glimpse into their research and competence.

In March this year I will make a brief visit to Makumira, and, amongst other things, I will organise a seminar for the eight graduates coming from Tanzania. I look forward to seeing them again, and also to take part in an evaluation of the training they got in Stavanger.

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M.Phil.-theses in Stavanger, related to the network

1996

- 1) Misgana, Mathewos (Ethiopia): *The true and false prophecy in the Old Testament, with special reference to Deuteronomy 13:1-6 and 18:9-22.* x + 143 pp.
- 2) Bulti, Feyissa (Ethiopia): *The relationship between the initial reception and the on-going experiences of the Holy Spirit in the Epistle to the Galatians.* 114 pp.
- 3) Rakotondrasoa, Modeste (Madagascar): *“Tromba” and the lordship of Christ: a systematic missiological study of Christianity encountering the “tromba” phenomenon in the region of Morondava.* iii + 133 pp.

1997

- 4) Fomgbami, Etienne (Cameroun): *A study of “World View” of the Mbum people as a contribution to intercultural communication.* 117 pp.
- 5) Rakotonoely, Raymond (Madagascar): *The eschatology in the Gospel of John, with special focus on “The visitation of God according to the Fourth Gospel”.* 133 pp.
- 6) Tshell, Paul (Cameroun): *One flesh: pastoral care with special reference to marriage, re-marriage and extra-marital relations in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Cameroon.* 136 pp.

1998

- 7) Mulatu, Gadisa (Ethiopia): *Effects of the charismatic experiences within the Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus/Ethiopia: a historical and theological survey, 1970-1996.* 153 pp.

- 8) Randrianirina, Dieu-Donné (Madagascar): *“For he spoke and it came to be” : the significance of the divine word according to Christian faith, with a view to the mission of the Church in the Betsileo cultural setting.* iii + 117 pp.
- 9) Ngozo, Ruben (Cameroun): *Paul, the missionary and his urban mission: with special emphasis on his relationship to Corinth.* 144 pp.
- 10) Tegafaw Tirfe (Ethiopia): *Turn to me and be saved: basic aspects of pastoral care with special emphasis on the question of conversion and repentance according to three churches in Ethiopia.* ix + 150 pp.
- 11) Dede, Jacques Denis (Madagascar): *The righteousness of God and certainty of salvation according to Martin Luther.* 117 pp.

1999

- 12) Chao, Dawson Efatha (Tanzania): *Peaceful coexistence or conflict?: an analysis of the relationship between Christian and Muslim communities' view of each other in Tanzania, and of some necessary conditions for their peaceful coexistence in dialogue.* 125 pp.
- 13) Mengele, Isaya Japhet (Tanzania): *The impact of traditional African religion on the practice of Christianity in Tanzania: a case study of thanks and harvest offerings in the Southern diocese of the Evangelical Church in Tanzania.* v + 144 pp.
- 14) Samuel, Samaki (Cameroun): *Women in church life : some aspects of the place and role of women in the New Testament and it's implications for Dii women in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Cameroon.* 148 pp.
- 15) Loubiens, Fidinantenaina Claudias (Madagascar): *The roles of the Bible and the Qur'an in evangelization: perspectives on revelation and Holy Scriptures in Christianity and Islam with particular reference to evangelization among Muslims.* 110 pp.

2000

- 16) Kimilike, Lechion Peter (Tanzania): *Proverbs on the poor: a comparative study on the Old Testament proverbs and African proverbs*. viii + 111 pp.
- 17) Randrianarivelo Joseph (Madagascar): *The revival movement in Ankaramalaza under the leadership of the priestess and prophetess Nenilava, from 1941 to 1998: its rise and its relation to the Malagasy Lutheran Church*. v + 120 pp.
- 18) Doko, Yadji (Cameroun): *The narration of Gbaya people in Cameroon: some perspectives on the conversion to Christianity in the light of their political, religious and cultural tradition*. 105 pp.
- 19) Ranarivony, Colette (Madagascar): *Women and Christian leadership in a Malagasy context: a practical theological study of principles of church leadership with special reference to the participation of women in the ministry of the Malagasy Lutheran Church*. vi + 115 pp.

2001

- 20) Rakotoarijaona Daniel Stephan (Madagascar): *Muslims and their neighbours in Madagascar: perspectives on relations, conflicts and possibilities of reconciliation between Muslim and non-Muslim communities in the regions of Boina in the Northwest of Madagascar and Sambirano in the North*. 150 pp.
- 21) Mtatifikolo, Lambert Eliezer (Tanzania): *From conflict to reconciliation: ethnic identity as a challenge for the mission of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania, with special reference to the Iringa Diocese*. 124 pp.
- 22) Ngnitchefe, Pierre (Cameroun): *The Jimba rite and its function in reconciliation: a study of the traditional rite Jimba as a means of reconciliation between people in the Kwanja region of Cameroon*. 127 pp.
- 23) Mekonnen, Geremew Bedada (Ethiopia): *The relationship between the Biblical concept of reconciliation and inter-denominational fellowship: an*

analysis of some necessary and sufficient conditions for reconciliation from a theological and ethical perspective, with special regard to the Evangelical Churches in Ethiopia. 156 pp.

24) Raoserasalina, Evelinah Jeanne Raivonirina (Madagascar): *Reconciliation between Jews and gentiles: some aspects of the relation between Jews and gentiles in the Early Church.* iii + 112 pp.

25) Kabelege, Amani Daniel (Tanzania): *An African interpretation of Hosea: an analysis of Hosea's response to the Canaanite religion based on the Makwava tradition of the Bena and the response to this tradition from the Lutheran Church in Tanzania.* vi + 157 pp.

2002

26) Biruk, Wubishet Lemma (Ethiopia): *Theological evaluation of Christian hymns and songs, with special reference to the Ethiopian Evangelical song tradition.* 137 pp.

27) Rahelisoa, Jeannette (Madagascar): *Second Isaiah's interpretation of Genesis 1-2:4a.* 125 pp.

28) Déouyo, Paul (Cameroun): *The Cross of Christ and salvation: the Christian Doctrine of atonement with particular regard to the ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church (E.L.C.C.) among the Mbum people in Cameroon.* 127 pp.

29) Razafindrakoto, Andrianoelina Georges (Madagascar): *Using the Bible in traditional Merina religion: a case study of how and why the Bible is used by traditio-practitioners amongst the Merina.* 126 pp.

30) Mollé, Philemon Joseph (Tanzania): *Luther's doctrine of the Lord's Supper: Lutheran understanding of the Lord's Supper with special reference to Luther's works of the Babylonian captivity of the church and the confession concerning Christ's Supper.* iv + 106 pp.

31)Mbilu, Msafiri Joseph (Tanzania): *Obedience to civil authorities then and now: an exegetical analysis of Romans 13:1-7 supplemented by biblical and hermeneutical reflections on its application.* iii + 116 pp.

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32)Mbowe, Hoyce Daniel (Tanzania): *Moses' marriage to a Cushite woman: an exegetical analysis of Numbers 12.* v + 114 pp.

33)Baba Tonga, Jean Marc (Cameroun): Paul's collection to the poor in Jerusalem: an attempt to unify the early church. ii + 154 pp.

34)Ntuli, Zipho I. (South Africa): Baptism and new life: an exegetical analysis of Romans 6-8 and application to the South African situation. iv + 123 pp.

35)Kintu, Mugenyi Justice (Uganda): New religious movements and the Catholic Church in Uganda: a study of new religious movements and their relationship to the Catholic Church in Uganda with special reference to two movements that left the Church. ii + 135 pp.

36)Fekadu, Gurmessa O. (Ethiopia): The ministry of reconciliation amidst ethnic diversity: perspectives on language conflict and ecclesiastical split as a challenge facing the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus today. v + 150 pp.

Institutional background of the M.Phil.-graduates:

Institut Luthérien de Théologie, Cameroun (1997—):

4, 6, 9, 14, 18, 22, 28, 33

Mekane Yesus Theological Seminary, Ethiopia (1996—):

1, 2, 7, 10, 23, 26, 36

Lutheran Graduate School of Theology, Madagascar (1996—):

3, 5, 8, 11, 15, 17, 19, 20, 24, 27, 29

Lutheran Theological Seminary/Institute, South Africa (2003—):

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Makumira University College, Tumaini University, Tanzania (1999—):

12, 13, 16, 21, 25, 30, 31, 32

Department of Religious Studies, Makerere University, Uganda (2003—):

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