

# Salvation in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

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### Brief description of the research programme

Leading question: which views on salvation are *motivating* current practices in church and mission in the secular West, how do they *develop* in response to new conditions of faith, and how can they be brought into *dialogue* with theological traditions in order to contribute to a fruitful embodiment of Christian faith in the secular West?

This question is studied in the contexts of practices, individuals, and institutions:

- *Practices*. Exploring the relationship between ecclesial and missional practices on the one hand and sense-making narratives on the other. Which views of salvation animate existing practices of church and mission, and how are they intertwined with these practices?
- *Individuals*. Exploring (auto)biographical narratives of salvation. How do late-modern Christians experience salvation? How does this change their relationship to the church and its practices?
- *Institutions*. Exploring institutional expressions of salvation. How can church organization, the structure of the offices, and church law be expressions and embodiments of salvation? How can they be (more) wholesome and redemptive?

The research programme will result in at least two academic books, at least five PhD studies, ca. 15 academic articles, two or three professional books, a number of professional articles, two conferences, and instruction and catechesis materials for the churches.

More information about the theoretical aspects of the programme can be found on the CCMW website.

## Projects

The programme contains three projects: (a) Salvation and liturgy; (b) Salvation and mission; (c) Salvation and Organization.

### *Salvation and Liturgy*

Staff: Prof. dr. Hans Schaeffer (coordinator), Jasper Bosman, Koos Tamminga.

Leading question: which visions of salvation animate and inform liturgical and other ecclesial practices in the Reformed tradition?

Brief description: by exploring liturgical and ecclesial practices in the Reformed tradition from a practical-theological perspective this project examines how salvation is experienced in Reformed churches in the contemporary West. Mostly ethnographic data gathered from concrete ecclesial practices will be brought into dialogue with biblical and systematic theology, with with a view to making theological sense of current practices, and innovating them. In this way this project will contribute to the vitality of the Reformed experience of faith especially in relationship to the liturgy and community.

Output:

	<b>Researcher</b>	<b>Brief description</b>	<b>Completed</b>
<b>Academic book</b>	Schaeffer	Salvation, Liturgy and the Church. On the Importance of the Embodiment of Christian Narratives	2019
<b>Academic article (peer reviewed)</b>	Schaeffer	Visions of Salvation among Church Members in the Reformed Tradition in the Netherlands	...
<b>Professional book / article</b>			
<b>PhD studies</b>	Bosman	Salvation as experienced in eucharistic practice in Reformed congregations	2019
	Tamminga	Salvation and inclusion – a description of a case-study on current church practices in the context of the so-called ‘participation society’	2020
<b>Valorisation</b>	Bosman, Schaeffer	Course Material: How to make more of your Eucharist experience	2020

*Salvation and Mission*

Staff: Prof. dr. Stefan Paas (coordinator), Prof. dr. Gerrit Noort, Prof. dr. Philipp Bartholomä, Dr. Gert-Jan Roest, Dr. Sake Stoppels, Martijn Dreschler, Annemiek de Jonge, Jan van 't Spijker.

Leading question: which visions of salvation animate and inform missional practices, practitioners and institutions in modern Western societies?

Brief description: by exploring historical discussions on mission and salvation, and through ethnographic study of espoused views of salvation among missionary practitioners this project contributes to a deeper sounding of the so-called 'crisis of mission' in the West, and it presents mission-minded Christians with theological tools to make sense of their practices and to improve them.

	<b>Researcher</b>	<b>Brief description</b>	<b>Completed</b>
<b>Academic book</b>	Noort	Visions of Salvation in Dutch Missionary Organizations	2022
	Paas	Pilgrims and Priests: Christian Mission in a Post-Christian Society	2019
	Paas, Roest, Stoppels	Visions of Salvation in Contemporary Practices of Mission	2022
<b>Academic article (peer reviewed)</b>	Noort	Soteriological narratives in the work of evangelical and ecumenical mission organizations, and their influence on the policy and practice of these organizations (1)	2020
	Noort	Soteriological narratives (2)	2021
	Paas	Secularization in Africa	2019
	Paas	The Countercultural Church	2019
	Paas, Bartholomä	The Future of Free Church Mission	2020
	Dreschler, Paas, Stoppels	Soteriological Biographies	2020
	Paas, Roest, Stoppels	Views of Salvation among Missionary Pioneers in the Netherlands	2020
	Paas, Schaeffer, Stoppels	Urban Salvation: TAP	2021
	De Jonge, Paas	Sustainable Church Planting	2020
	Paas, Roest	Salvation in Evangelistic Practice: How do concepts of salvation inform evangelism?	2021
<b>Professional book / article</b>	Roest, Stoppels	Special issue of <i>Inspirare</i> journal on 'Salvation' (Dutch)	2020
	Noort	Book: Visions of Salvation in Dutch Missionary	2023

		Organizations (book in Dutch)	
	Paas, Roest, Stoppels	Book (Dutch): Salvation in Evangelism and Church Planting	2023
<b>PhD studies</b>	Diehl	Kirchentheoretische Erneuerungsvorschläge BFeG (German)	2022
	De Jonge	Community and Soteriology in two Dutch Missionary Churches (Dutch)	2020
	Van 't Spijker	The renewal of Reformed missional ecclesiology against the background of 20 <sup>th</sup> century developments in mission thinking	2020
<b>Valorisation</b>	Dreschler	Presentations of soteriological biographies at mission organization <i>De Verre Naasten</i> (Dutch)	2019 2020
	Roest	Book for pastors: Soteriology for the Western City: A Contextual Approach of Christology (Dutch)	2019
	Roest	Course material: The Path of Salvation: Mystagogy in the post-secular spiritual context (Dutch)	2019

### *Salvation and Organization*

Staff: Dr. Leon van den Broeke (coordinator), Auke Dijkstra, Hayo Wijma

Leading question: how are visions of salvation embodied in church polity, the offices, and church organization, and how can these visions be explored such that they help practitioners to make sense of these institutional dimensions of church and mission?

Brief description: by exploring conflict resolution by church officials, studying polity dimensions of new expressions of church, and reflecting on the relationship between church and state in shifting conditions of the secular West this project contributes to current practices of church and mission, offering tools to develop and improve them from a legal perspective.

	<b>Researcher</b>	<b>Brief description</b>	<b>Completed</b>
<b>Academic book</b>	Van den Broeke, Allan Janssen (co-eds.)	A Collegial Bishop Revisited: Classis and Presbytery at Issue	2019
	Van den Broeke, (Harinck)	Embassy Chapels: The States and the Deputies for Indies and Maritime Affairs	2022
	Van den Broeke et al.	Church Polity and Mission	2022
	Van den Broeke	God in and over the Waves: The Deputies for Indies or Maritime Affairs and Overseas Territories	2023
<b>Book chapters</b>	Van den Broeke	Book chapter: The missional bishop: Classis Assembly, Church Planting and Church renewal	2019
	Van den Broeke	Deputies and Authorities	2021
	Van den Broeke	Book chapter: Classis as a Commentary	2019/20
	Van den Broeke	Book chapter: Fear God, honour the Emperor: The Barmen Declaration and its Reception in the Netherlands	2020
	Van den Broeke	Book chapter: Setting the Right Example: Good Governance and the Church	2019
	Van den Broeke	Book chapter: Freedom of Religion: The Walloon Church	2019
	Van den Broeke	Book chapter: Free from Church and State: Hendrik P. Scholte's Politics and Polity	2020
	Van den Broeke	Het recht volgt het leven: Religie, recht en eschatologie	2019
	Van den Broeke	Rules or Reconciliation	2020
	Van den Broeke et al.	Pionierend leiderschap	2019/20
	Van den Broeke	Ontwikkelingen in gereformeerd kerkrecht in de 19e-21e eeuw	2019
	Van den Broeke	Meerdere vergaderingen	2019
	Van den Broeke	Deputaatschappen	2019
	Van den Broeke	De classicale vergaderingen en de classis	2019
	Van den Broeke	Jaar- en evaluatiegesprekken met predikanten	2020
	Van den Broeke et al.	Contributions to book <i>Koninklijk</i> (Dutch)	2019
<b>Academic article (peer reviewed)</b>	Van den Broeke	Dominocratie of dominocratie? Petrus Hofstede de Groot (Dutch)	2020
	Van den Broeke	Supralocal Oversight	2020
<b>Professional book / article</b>	Van den Broeke, Schaeffer (eds.)	Book: Geest of recht? (Dutch)	2019

	Van den Broeke	Lemma: Congregationalisme (Dutch)	2021
	Van den Broeke	Lemma: Tucht	2021
	Van den Broeke	Lemma: Classis	2021
	Van den Broeke	Lemma: Synode	2021
	Van den Broeke	Lemma: Independentisme	2021
	Van den Broeke	Lemma: Zeevaart	2021
	Van der Borcht, Van den Broeke (eds.)	Book: Religieus leiderschap in een postchristendom context (Dutch)	2019/20
<b>PhD studies</b>	Van den Broeke	Godsdienstvrijheid en de wet op de lijkbezorging (Dutch)	2021/22
	Dijkstra	Kerkelijk tuchtrecht in de Nederlandse rechtsorde	2022/23
	Wijma	Kerkrecht voor de wereld	2024
	Johan Schütte (SA)	Migrantkerk in Londen	2024
	Marco Buitenhuis	Echtheid van geloof	2029
<b>Valorisation</b>			