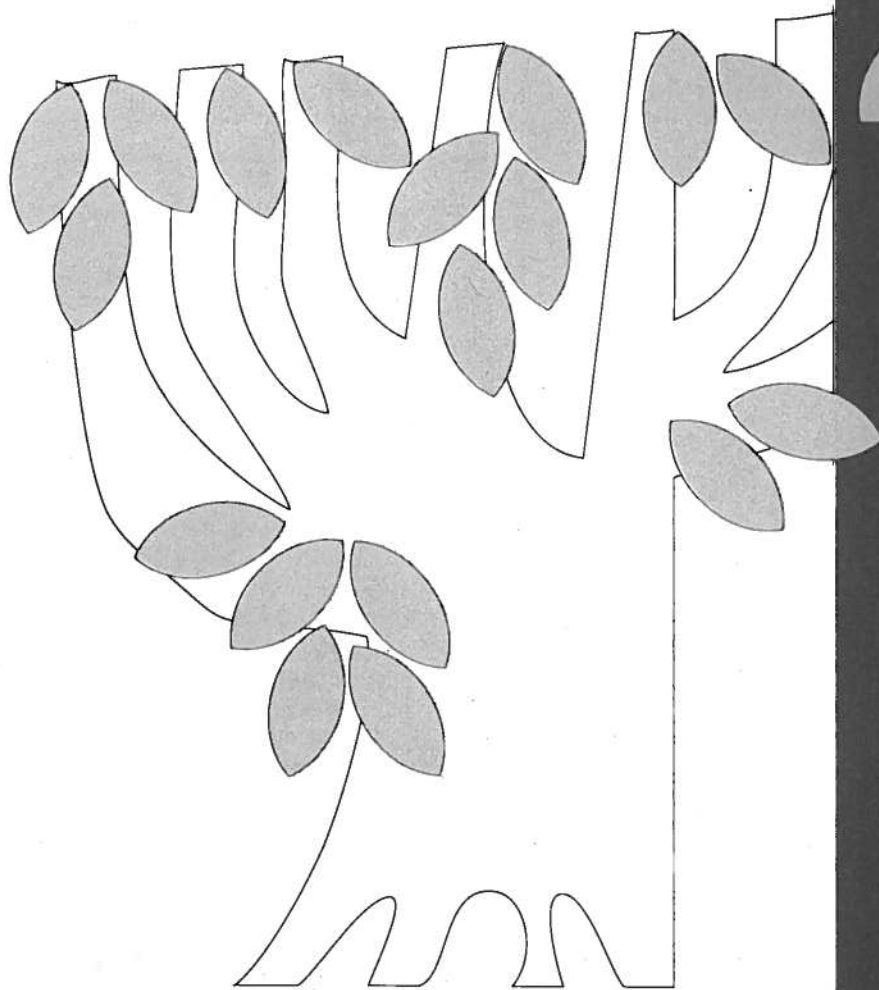


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In this issue

1992 is the Institute's silver anniversary year. In this issue of *Perspective* we introduce you to some of the upcoming commemorative events, and incorporate the theme, tone and colour of the celebration.

Senior member Henk Hart takes a reflective look at the change that has occurred at ICS (pages 2-3). President Fernhout discusses the challenges that ICS must accept in the years ahead (pages 4-5), and John Mavrak informs us about an Anniversary Campaign to provide funds which will permit ICS to "...Grow in Service" (pages 6-7).

In other articles, read about Bob Goudzwaard's recent visit to ICS (page 8), the new "art gallery" look at ICS (page 10), and plans for an exciting academic conference at ICS in June (page 14).

Thank God for 25 years of miracles at ICS, and join us in celebration!

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From Movement to Institution

Hendrik Hart

1992: ICS in Silver, Staff Getting Grey

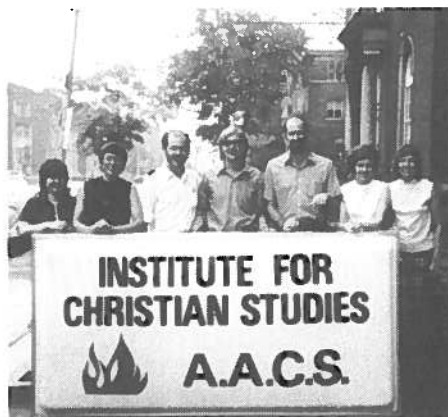
Twenty-five years after ICS opened in 1967, the fragile little graduate school with one prof and no students is ready to expand its teaching staff to at least ten, has conferred advanced degrees to over 50 men and women, has a government charter, and provides doctor's degrees. In those very early years new *Banner* editor Lester DeKoster predicted to classis Toronto of the Christian Reformed Church that the little school would not last ten years. We thought he might be right. He nor we foresaw any history in which the Soviet Union would fold while ICS would move toward the end of the second Christian millennium. Both seem possible only in the providence of God.

In many ways, much has changed. When Anita and I reported for work

did not question the wisdom of these seasoned kingdom workers, nor the impression that the kingdom and the ARSS were the same thing. Our income, then as now, was modest. But we accepted a rule that anything extra would have to be donated to the cause.

We all spent most of our time on the road, away from home weeks at a time. There were no students. So I, later joined by Jim Olthuis and Bernie Zylstra, had to go after them. Three different courses on about five campuses in Ontario and seven between Lakehead and Victoria, taught about six times a year. Six gruelling trips, sitting up late at night with

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1972; the institution getting ready to move into 229 College

August 15, 1966, Executive Director Paul Schrotenboer told us that the movement could not be sustained on a forty-hour workweek. "We work," he said, "till the work is done." Or as Treasurer Gerald Vandezande put it: "In the kingdom of God there's no time to go shopping with your wife on Saturdays." We as young new staff

hosts, getting up early in the morning to catch the next plane, too exhausted to be cheerful when our lonesome wives collected us at the airport. In each place we'd try to meet with ministers in the morning, teachers at noon, students in the afternoon, and other supporters at night. In between we had time for promotional and fundraising visits.

Our wives remember those early days with mixed feelings. Part of it all was genuine devotion to an all-consuming spirit behind which we knew the call of God. Part of it was also the foolishness of men dedicated to their own importance. Today things are more relaxed in some ways. If salary income does not cover real expenses, no one frowns on keeping extra income. If your child has an important hockey game it may be wise to skip an important meeting; the others understand. But the



1983; Gerald Vandezande congratulating the late Bernie Zylstra, former ICS President, on obtaining the charter for the Institute

Institute is still vulnerable and it still tends to demand for itself an acknowledgement as the major horizon for the existence of its staff. And we remain convinced that working at ICS is a special task to which God calls some of us, and in that context we remain prepared to go the extra mile. Our work is still not just a job.


But ICS is definitely no longer a movement and many of the dangers of movementism have passed. The Institute is now an institution. Our unity is not the uniformity it once was. And we know better now that we are not the remnant those who refused to bow the knee to Baal, but vulnerable servants together with many others. The movement was necessary to get things going. Our naive enthusiasm made a real contribution, for real movements seldom start or survive without some of the excesses we now acknowledge and are not proud of. ICS is no longer sustained by the raw and explosive energy of youthful dreams behind which, I believe, God's Spirit was really at work. Today it carries on with the harnessed power of a structured organization in which that Spirit is still very much present.

Compared to a movement, of course, an institution seems like a hardening of the arteries. But it may also be a providential way of continu-

ing in more wisdom what began as something outsiders tend to see as folly. Our anniversary campaign shows that those who work for ICS still do so with much devotion, and that they solidly share a cooperative spirit of service to God who continues to call and who, miraculously at times, continues to provide.

Human institutions are not made for eternity. One day the walls will crumble because the kingdom of God is within us; it cannot be contained within the structures we build. Indeed, ICS is not the kingdom of God. That's why in time it must disappear. But it does serve the kingdom, and at this moment in history I strongly experience God's nearness at ICS, perhaps even more in the institution than I did in the movement.

"And we remain convinced that working at ICS is a special task to which God calls some of us, and in that context we remain prepared to go the extra mile."

ICS's silver anniversary year, and my own, I experience as silver linings to passing clouds that brought sweet rains and damaging storms, and I see our greying hairs as a dying off of old foolishness. Much has changed. The movement was mostly sweat, the institution has a shower. And while the movement smothered controversy, the institution developed a constructive policy for giving it a fruitful place. Amazing grace! Thank God for a quarter century of miracles. 

During his quarter century with the Institute, Hendrik Hart has served ICS in the following capacities:

Assistant Executive Director:

August - December 1966

Executive Director:

January - May 1967

Special Assignment:

June - September 1967

Senior Member:

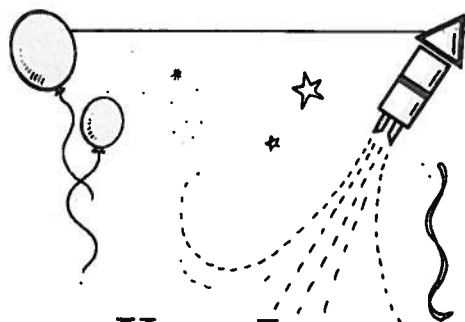
1967 - 1992



More than ever before, Canada needs the talents fostered by education rooted in the Word of God. Graduates of the Institute for Christian Studies bring Christian perspectives to complex problems. In our world today a Christian mind is a precious resource.

Harry Voortman
Honourary Chairman
Anniversary Campaign





Year-Long Celebrations Planned for ICS Silver Anniversary

To celebrate its twenty-five years of service and blessing, ICS has planned a number of special anniversary events plus commemorative celebrations at other ICS occasions throughout the year. Among them are:

March

- A conference at ICS for pastors, youth workers and high school principles on the topic of *Popular Culture*, featuring *Bill Romanowski* and *Don Posterski*, on March 30 and 31.

May

- Anniversary banquet in Western Canada.

June

- Academic Conference, June 3-6 in Toronto.
- Anniversary banquet in Ontario.

August

- Special commemoration at ICS Family Conferences.

September

- Service of Celebration.

November

- Convocation and Open House.

Be sure to watch for more information on upcoming ICS anniversary celebrations, both here in *Perspective* and from your local chapter board.

Plan to celebrate with ICS this year! ☐



From the President's Pen

by Harry Fernhout

Rooted... Growing...

"As therefore you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so live in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving"
(Col. 2:6 & 7).

For 1992, this passage of Scripture should be written on the "doorframes and gates" (Deut. 6:9) of the Institute for Christian Studies. These words from Colossians set the tone for our celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the opening of the Institute. This is a time to abound in thanksgiving, a time to reaffirm the faith roots of our founders, and a time to build up and establish what has sprouted from those roots.

In December, at one of our weekly chapel services, I asked for prayer for Mr. Casper VandeRiet, the last survivor of the group of five whose vision led to the founding of the Association which, in 1967, opened the Institute for Christian Studies. Mr. VandeRiet's health is failing, and we asked God to sustain him and his wife Catherine. Present at that chapel service were several participants in Bob Goudzwaard's seminar on "Economics and Ethics," among them a long-time member of the Association and the Institute. In his prayer, this gentleman praised God that the semi-

nar participants, representing several continents and a variety of Christian traditions, were together as the direct result of the seemingly impossible and unrealistic vision for a Christian university first shared by five Dutch-Canadian immigrants meeting in someone's living-room. This prayer touched the core of what I hope will be the spirit of our anniversary celebrations — thanks-giving, affirmation, joy and praise.

An important anniversary has a dual character: it is a time to reflect on past blessings, but also a time to anticipate and prepare for new challenges and opportunities. Keenly aware of this, the Institute's Board of Trustees has decided to embark on a major Anniversary Campaign for ICS, (see pages 6 and 7 of this issue), with a theme inspired by the passage from Colossians: "Rooted in Faith... Growing in Service."

When we consider the history of the ICS and its sponsoring association, there can be no doubt that this educational endeavour was rooted in faith. Our founders were guided by a compelling vision of a vibrant Christian community capable of making a strong impact on North American society. But that Christian community would require leaders steeped in a Biblical worldview, leaders with a strong university education. There was only one thing to do, then — es-



The recent visit of Korean scholar Dr. Kim underscores the increasing "...graduate-level educational needs of the growing Christian church world-wide...."

establish a Christian university and get on with the task at hand!

I deeply admire the zeal of the founding generation and their passionate convictions concerning Christian higher education. I'm proud to be associated with an institution which has its roots deep in this wellspring of faith.

But in the presence of vision you can't sit still. A vision is something that beckons and invites, that motivates us to shape our lives and our institutions in a certain direction. If we have a vibrant vision, we know that we haven't arrived yet — there's still room to grow and change in serving our Lord!

This is certainly true of the Institute. As we celebrate 25 years of service we are also aware (sometimes painfully) that the Institute as it exists today is far from a full expression of the founder's vision. A full-fledged university we are not. In size the Institute is more like a modest department within an average university. And there are many fields of knowledge that we have hardly touched. In relation to both the task and the need, our Christian graduate school is but a humble beginning. Over the years a chronic shortage of funds has often pushed mere survival to the top of the Institute's agenda. It hasn't always been possible to look ahead with boldness, carrying the vision forward. But we all realize that a preoccupation with mere survival can mean a loss of vision, if we lost sight of the challenging mission for which our institution is but a serviceable instrument. With this in mind, our Board of Trustees has decided, in this anniversary year, to boldly reaffirm the faith-rooted vision for a vibrant Christian school at the master's and doctoral studies level.

There's another reason why the Institute cannot simply stand still. If we are preoccupied with mere survival, we will not be ready for the challenges of our second quarter century. The world of higher education is changing rapidly. The face of Christian higher education is shifting, too, particularly in Canada. The January/February issue of *Faith Today*, the news magazine of the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada, highlights these changes. *Faith Today* notes a major shift in interest among evangelicals, away from a more

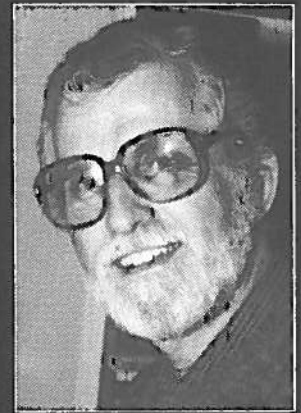
narrowly conceived "Bible college" education toward a broader Christian college (liberal arts) education. This is an area in which the Institute's reformed heritage has unique strengths. This shift will inevitably spill over into a new recognition of the crucial importance of Christian higher education at the most advanced, graduate studies level. What wonderful new challenges and opportunities for ICS — if we are ready! And if we look beyond Canada to the graduate-level educational needs of the growing Christian church world-wide, the challenges multiply.

This underscores the importance of the second part of our Anniversary Campaign theme: Growing in Service. Our founding vision and new educational challenges do not permit ICS to stand still. If we do, we will eventually forfeit our calling. We need

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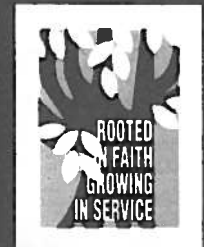
to mobilize the task of the Institute into its second quarter century.

In a time of economic recession the second part of our campaign theme (Growing in Service) may seem to be ill-timed. But I firmly believe that the Institute's growth plans are not expansionistic, but essential. In this and future issues of *Perspective* we will explain and build a case for these plans. Even from a strictly financial point of view the plans are not expansionistic. There are several undergraduate colleges with strong ties to the reformed community from which ICS draws its primary support. The combined operating budgets of these colleges total well in excess of \$80 million annually. Total annual spending on graduate studies in the same community is less than \$2 million. Advocates of a Christian educational vision which takes in all levels of schooling will recognize this as an imbalance. In the next ten years a strong presence at the graduate level will grow in strategic importance. As the one institution in our tradition dedicated to graduate studies, it is essential that ICS "Grow in Service." □



At this moment in our history we need to think anew about what it means to be Christian — about the richness of our heritage, the vigour of our shared vision and task in contemporary culture. ICS does pioneering work in evaluating our times from a Christian perspective. The Institute's work deserves our energies and support.

Derk Pierik
Campaign Co-Chairman



1992 Anniversary Campaign

"Rooted in Faith..."

John Mavrak

A quarter century ago, the Association for the Advancement of Christian Scholarship (AACS) sponsored the Institute for Christian Studies to provide a forum for Christian higher learning. Shaped by the rich tradition of reformed Christian faith and values, the Institute provides a unique setting for students to integrate their graduate studies with a worldview rooted in the Word of God.

Twenty-five years marks a milestone in the life of any institution, and this is especially true for ICS. It is nearly miraculous that a small independent graduate school can continue to exist without government funding of any kind. For this we praise God and give thanks for the many people who have stood behind the Institute with their faith and financial support. It is a credit to the community that ICS may celebrate its silver anniversary.

The Institute must enhance its ability to provide training which equips people to teach at the college level and to continue to provide instruction in the foundational issues of culturally impacting fields of study.

The year 1992 will be one of much reflection on the past and the many blessings ICS has received. However, this is also an appropriate time to take stock and make responsible plans for the future. The Institute must rearticulate its vision for the distinctive task of ICS in Christian higher education. These next years will be crucial in developing the resources of ICS, in order that it may

fully meet its academic and spiritual challenges. The Board of Trustees and many of our community leaders agree with the importance of building on the vision of the Institute's service for the next quarter century. Consequently, the Institute has launched a major fundraising appeal, the "Anniversary Campaign", to raise a minimum of \$2.5 million.

The magnitude of this undertaking reflects both the scale of the Institute's most critical needs and a conviction that the case will evoke a positive response from the Institute's many supporters.

The Anniversary Campaign will play a crucial role in providing ICS with the tools to strengthen its vision and move forward with confidence. To meet the increasingly critical need for leadership in Christian higher education, the Institute must diversify and enrich its academic offerings. In

address the graduate-level education needs of the Christian community but also to strengthen the Institute's witness to society as a whole.

The Institute's role in Christian higher education is taking a stronger hold. Over the last number of years, the tremendous growth at the undergraduate level in Canadian Christian education has given ICS a great challenge and opportunity. The Institute must enhance its ability to provide training which equips people to teach at the college level and to continue to provide instruction in the foundational issues of culturally impacting fields of study.

Four specific areas of need have been identified for the Anniversary Campaign. Additional faculty and programs are required to improve the capacity of the Institute to offer a more comprehensive academic curriculum. Scholarships and bursaries are needed to attract, support and encourage students, the potential leaders for church and society. Improved library services and student services are necessary to facilitate the quality of research and scholarship at ICS. The minimum financial



Campaign committee members at early strategy session. From left: Diane Klein, Derk Pierik, Marinus Koole, Bob VanderVennen, John Jeronimus, John Mavrak, Harry Fernhout.

order to continue providing a thorough Christian university education at the graduate level, ICS must incorporate fields of study not currently represented in the curriculum. New fields of student are crucial in the analysis of the spirit of our age. Such growth is essential not only to

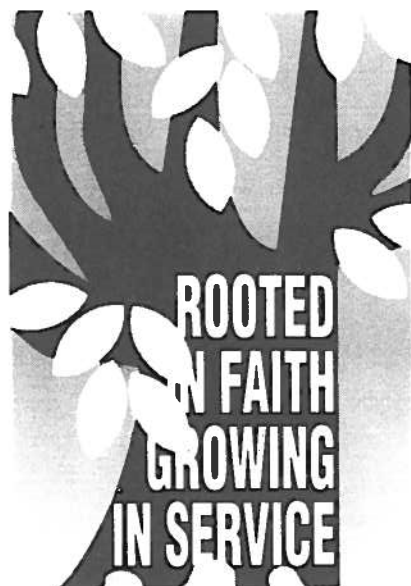
requirements are shown on the next page, right.

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... Growing in Service"

must be viewed as a minimum as the total needs of ICS exceed \$4 million. Much careful planning has been put into the development of the Anniversary Campaign. Emphasis was placed on a stewardly use of funds. The needs to be addressed by the Campaign are to be placed on a separate financial footing, not dependent on the regular operating budget.

The \$2.5 million campaign objective is to be raised over a five year period through pledges. The funds will be spent over 10 years, and in that time none of the new initiatives will put any additional burden on the operating budget. The Anniversary Campaign will be conducted through the spring and summer of 1992 and will seek support in terms of pledges payable over a period of up to five years. For the campaign to succeed, extraordinary gifts must come from individual friends, companies, foundations, faculty, staff and the entire support community. Everyone must be given the opportunity to support this program, which is focused on the theme that ICS is: "Rooted in Faith...Growing in Service". [P]



The Objectives

Faculty Expansion	\$1,400,000
Three faculty positions in new program areas through a ten year limited endowment	
Scholarship and bursaries	\$500,000
Greater availability of assistance to qualified students	
Student Services	\$200,000
Recruitment, student services, outreach	
Library Services	\$400,000
Automation, acquisitions, enhancement of services as a specialized Christian resource	
Total	\$2,500,000

The Campaign Committee

Organizing a fundraising campaign of the scope and size called for by the Institute's exciting plans for growth in service is no simple matter. It takes much time, energy and know-how, not to mention a deep commitment to Christ-centered higher education.

ICS considers itself fortunate to have obtained the active participation of the following chairpersons:

Harry Voortman	<i>Honourary Chairman</i>
Jane DeKoning	<i>Membership</i>
Harry Fernhout	<i>Major Gifts</i>
John Jeronimus	<i>Business Sector</i>
Diane Klein	<i>Marketing/Public Relations</i>
Marinus Koole	<i>Campaign Co-Chair</i>
Ross Mortimer	<i>Administration</i>
Derk Pierik	<i>Campaign Co-Chair</i>
Herman Praamsma	<i>Congregations</i>
Fred Reinders	<i>Major Gifts</i>
Bob VanderVennen	<i>ICS Community</i>

Anniversary Campaign Logo
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Twenty-five years ago, a group of men had a vision. Today, that vision is expressed in the existence of a distinctive Christian graduate school: the Institute for Christian Studies. For our silver anniversary we have embarked on the Anniversary Campaign to enhance our services to students, scholars, the church and the community. I invite all of you to join us in the furtherance of Christian graduate education.

Marinus Koole
Campaign Co-Chairman



Goudzwaard Lectures, Leads Seminar

Last December 2-13, Dr. Bob Goudzwaard, Professor of Economics at the Free University of Amsterdam, led a two-week seminar at the ICS on the topic "Connecting Economics and Ethics: Afterthought or Starting Point?"

The well-attended seminar developed a view of economics guided by stewardship, justice and solidarity, and examined the viability of integrating ethical considerations into economic planning.

Goudzwaard also presented a public lecture at Rehoboth Fellowship CRC on December 10. This lecture is summarized below by Harry J. Kits, an ICS alumnus and former Associate Director of Development at ICS. He is currently Executive Director of Citizens for Public Justice.

Both the seminar and the lecture were jointly sponsored by ICS and CPJ.

Of Economic Tunnels and Trees

Harry J. Kits

Summarizing two weeks of lectures in 45 minutes, Dr. Bob Goudzwaard recently contrasted two visions for economic life by comparing them to a tunnel and a tree. He explained his views in a public discussion, co-sponsored by ICS and Citizens for Public Justice, entitled "Economics and Ethics: Afterthought or Starting Point?" Goudzwaard is professor of economics at the Free University of Amsterdam and a Fellow of ICS.

Using the recently announced "Prosperity Initiative" of the Canadian government, Goudzwaard showed how much of modern life is driven by competition, production, and the goal of prosperity. He showed how Canadian education too has become oriented to learning skills for global competition. He quoted the Canadian government: "If we can not find ways of encouraging our children to enrol in math and science programs, our future prosperity is at risk." Goudzwaard wondered what had happened to an emphasis in schooling on the totality of life and on the acquiring of wisdom. Has the economy begun to decide what is good and bad for our children's education?

THE TUNNEL

This led Goudzwaard to describe the current economic world as being

like a high-speed tunnel, where there is a competitive drive to reach the daylight at the end of the tunnel, the goal of prosperity. If we reach this goal of prosperity we should be able to deal with issues of poverty, social obligations, or the environment (post-care).

The tunnel economy, because of its high-speed and competitive production, is a hard world. Its hardness is characterized in three ways: it excludes those who can't compete as well (the unemployed, the handicapped); it shifts aside (expulsion) the burden of waste, poisons, stress and other social and environmental costs and doesn't include them in production costs; and finally it extracts ruthlessly and depletes the natural and human resources used in production of goods.

The irony of the tunnel economy is that the end of the tunnel (when social and economic problems can be taken care of) never comes. The tunnel continues to get longer as the



Bob Goudzwaard at ICS, December 1991

costs to be met at its end grow; the tunnel (of production) must get longer to accommodate the problems caused by the tunnel itself. Prosperity and happiness thus always recede into the future. They are never achieved. Assuming post-care — trying to achieve justice, fairness, and happiness after the economic process has achieved prosperity — relegates ethics to an afterthought of economics.

THE TREE

Goudzwaard called instead for an economics of enough, an economics of pre-care, where ethics is the starting point. Here he described a tree which, like the tunnel, bears fruit for consumption, both goods and services. The tree economy however is rooted and embedded in the earth and in society. Respect and care for the environment and all people are the starting point. The natural limitations on the growth of a tree would be found also in the economy; it would grow not in length but in maturity



Dr. Goudzwaard and some of the 26 registrants in his "Economics and Ethics" seminar

and strength, with care for the environment, those who labour, and those who can't fit into the economy so easily for various reasons. Care for waste and poisons and social needs would be counted as part of the production costs.

Another angle for describing the tree economy would be to say that it is "Way" oriented, rather than goal oriented. Rather than orienting our (economic) life together to goals or results, we must work to have it char-

acterized by justice and care.

In the discussion, afterwards, one of the points which Dr. Goudzwaard made is that all of us are not simply individuals, but are members of a multiplicity of larger bodies (cities, provinces, countries, business organization, political and labour organizations, motorist and consumer associations). It is here that we too can begin to voice our interest in a tree, a pre-care economy. ☐



Audience gathers for Dr. Goudzwaard's public lecture

Junior Member Passes Exam



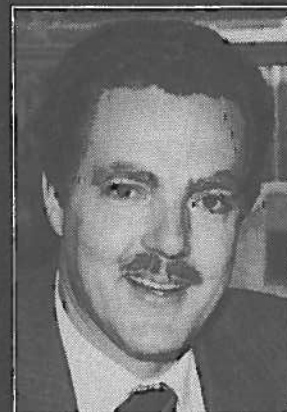
Congratulations to Fran Wong! From l. to r., Brian Walsh, Fran Wong, Fran Lancashire (Professor of English, University of Toronto), Cal Seerveld, George Vandervelde

Science and Belief

International Conference on Science and Belief, August 11-15, 1992, Pascal Centre, Redeemer College, Ancaster, ON, L9G 3N6. This five-day conference is planned for scholars with a professional interest in the relationship between science and belief.

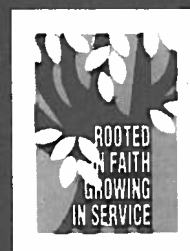
The first half of the conference will focus on general metaphysical beliefs while the second half will emphasize Christian beliefs.

For more information, contact Lynda Cockcroft at Redeemer College, (416) 648-2131, ext. 207.



The twenty-fifth anniversary of ICS is a time for reflection. We must look back on the past and its blessings and look forward to the future and its opportunities. We are now challenged to strengthen ICS's tradition of creative Christian research and graduate education, to equip a new generation of scholars to serve Christ with confidence.

Harry Fernhout
President, ICS



ICS Is Into the Arts

Andrea Bush Arno

ICS has become active in the arts once again, for the first time since the closure of Patmos Gallery in the 70s. The brainchild of Aesthetics Senior Member Dr. Calvin Seerveld, the revolving exhibit program brings the work of contemporary Canadian artists, most Christian, inside ICS and onto our hallowed white walls for two months at a time. Second year aesthetics junior member Andrea Bush Arno, herself a painter, organizes and curates the exhibitions as part of her work-study scholarship. After her appointment as de facto curator in the late spring of 1991, she opened the program with her own paintings, three of which have been purchased since then. There followed exhibitions by naturalist water colourist Debra Edwards, Wilhelmina Kennedy, a non-objective painter in acrylics, and John Turowski, an eclectic talent in transition. John's show was the occasion for ICS's first formal artist's reception/opening under this program, to which local churches and the public were invited. Anthony Samchek, secretary-treasurer of Brookstone Productions, a Toronto-based Christian theatre company, himself hand-addressed 130 pieces of mail to churches from their own mailing list, when Brookstone's computer failed him. To cap off the year, Florentine sculptor Peter Zalai loaned ICS his very affecting bronze "Head of Christ" in the winter of 1991.

The artists shown at ICS this past year represent a broad spectrum of faithful approaches to art. Debra Edwards' scenes, landscapes, nudes and still lifes from Africa and northern Ontario are "realistic" watercolours which dwell on the still, small wonders of creation. Wilhelmina Kennedy is a Dutch-born painter of large, non-objective canvasses in acrylics. She attended OCA late in life, flummoxing her teachers there (as well as Bert, her husband) by turning from the pretty watercolours and still-lives she'd done while raising two children to huge, bold "abstract" canvasses. The pictures in the series shown at ICS last year celebrate the

expressive curves and corners of great western church architecture, especially cathedrals. The palette is a subdued, traditionally Flemish one in cool blues, white, and earth tones. The canvasses are cut in irregular shapes and often hung together as diptychs and triptychs, in the grand western tradition. ICS is fortunate to be scheduled for another show of Wilhelmina's recent work in June 1992, this time likely her "Worship" series.

Recent work by Toronto's John Turowski opened our first official public exhibition. John is an enthusiastic Christian raised in the Roman Catholic Church by eastern European parents. His first enterprise was a rock and roll band, and he studied music in college before his conversion to Christ. Soon after that "the lights went on" and his eyes were opened to the visual arts. His twenty years as a painter have taken

faces, and on Christian pilgrims, solitary or in pairs, uncomfortably "outside the camp," the bland and bucolic safety, of North American suburban life. Her paintings were most recently seen at Soho Bistro during November and December. In August 1991 Toronto East General Hospital purchased Arno's two hundred square foot abstract mural, "Creation," for their interfaith chapel.

Upcoming shows include works by Lynn McLivride Evans, Gerrard Pas, Bruce Francisco, and a formal exhibition by Andrea Arno. Profiles and interviews with Zalai, Kennedy, McLivride, Evans and Arno will appear in upcoming editions of *Perspective*.

In addition to the rotating exhibitions, the curator has begun to develop a permanent art collection for ICS. Our first acquisition was of four works by Canadian painter Ken



One of the four Kirkby originals acquired by ICS

him throughout Europe, the U.S. and Canada, first studying with eminent artists, then teaching and exhibiting throughout Canada. At present he is in transition from a painterly abstract expressionism to a more narrative technique illustrating stories of personal journeys. The small, dark, mixed media paintings in the December show juxtaposed modern with natural and biblical imagery, alluding to the ways realities in Scripture interpenetrate the contemporary world.

New York painter Andrea Arno's figurative, expressionist oils focus on the architecture of God's world, of light on foliage which appears to dance, and houses with expressive

Kirkby, thanks to a generous donation by Ms. Kay Wristen and Mrs. Barbara Pannese. Kirkby has spent his career depicting the Canadian arctic he loves, especially the huge stone structures called inuksuks by the Inuit. The methods by which the largest of these could have been built without cranes or heavy machinery remain a mystery, but to this day they act as giant scarecrows, causing herds of caribou to move into the waiting dragnets of Inuit hunters. Three large canvases up to six by four feet, and one smaller one, now grace the board room and the lounge with windswept views of the north. A conversation with Ken Kirkby will appear in a future issue of *Perspective*. [E]

Heiko Oberman to Lecture

Shapers of the Reformation is the title of this year's CHRISTIANITY AND LEARNING LECTURES at ICS. The public is invited to hear Dr. Heiko Oberman, Professor of Late Medieval and Reformation Studies, University of Arizona, lecture at ICS, 229 College Street, 2nd Floor:

Tuesday, February 18, 3:30 pm
Luther: Man Between God and the Devil

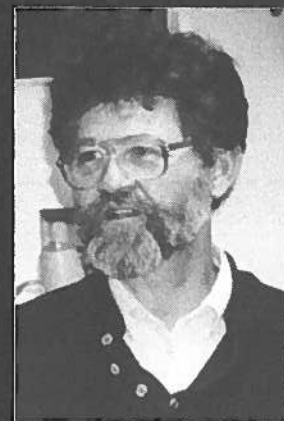
Tuesday, February 18, 8:00 pm
Calvin: The Mystery of His Impact

Wednesday, February 19, 4:00 pm
The Riddle of Erasmus of Rotterdam [P]

Who is This Child?



Marcia Schippers of Dugald, Manitoba would like to know "who this little sweetheart is" who's outside the fence at the ICS 1991 Family Conference (Niagara).



ICS is not the kingdom of God. That's why in time it must disappear. But it does serve the kingdom, and at this moment in history I strongly experience God's nearness at ICS.

Hendrik Hart
Senior Member, ICS

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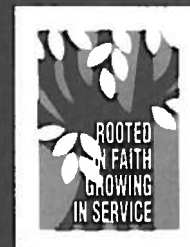
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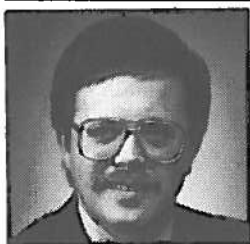
In so doing, to help the participants
revitalize their relationship with their
'neighbours' -- today's young people.

For: Pastors, Youth Workers, High School
Principals
Dates: Monday, March 30
Tuesday, March 31, 1992
Cost: \$40
Venue: Institute for Christian Studies
229 College Street, 2nd Floor
Toronto



ICS student Jan Huygen and proud wife Maaïke with Jan's citation for bravery. Last summer Jan saved a young man from drowning in a backyard pool.





Development Notes

by John Meiboom

HOPES AND FEARS:

A new year can bring a time of reflection. Time is a wonderful, yet sometimes difficult commodity. It is a gift from God, but often, in our broken world, time becomes a problem.

December 31st found ICS at the end of the first half of its budget year. Like many organizations, staff here tallied up year-end donations over the first days of January and we thanked God for many faithful partners. Fortunately, December was an encouraging month for income. Several slow months earlier, though, meant that ICS ended its first six months well behind its budgeted donation income. These months sped by and can't be recaptured. Was it a shortage of money or just too little time?

Thanks to an unexpected investment return, however, the overall financial situation is better than it might have been at this stage. You will be kept informed, as the budget year progresses, as to our financial status. Two or three slow months in this new year will force ICS to borrow money heavily to meet its obligations. Thankfully, time has not run out. God has given ICS another six months in which to meet the budget.

Now you have heard some of the fears. But be assured; there is reason for hope. There is celebrating going on, not crying. The Institute has survived for twenty-five years; through recessions and controversy it has survived and even thrived. As we celebrate this milestone throughout 1992, ICS has, in faith, looked with hope to the future; even hope for an expanded reality to begin to meet the larger vision that has existed for ICS over these 25 years. Time presses us to go forward. God has given us only so much time. We must not wait.

As you will have read elsewhere in this issue, the Institute is using the occasion of its 25th anniversary to

launch a major fund-raising effort to set up a limited endowment for new faculty positions. There is great enthusiasm here for this initiative. It is the prayer of all ICS board and staff that supporters of Christian higher education will join in praise for this opportunity, and that those who are able will give generously. May we be good stewards of the time and other resources God has given us.

ECONOMIC HARD TIMES OR GOOD TIMES:

From time to time, people comment on the difficult times and the need for charitable organizations to be frugal and realize that many individuals can't give in these recessionary times. Should ICS even be having a 25th anniversary endowment campaign?

It is important to recognize the times we are in. Nationally over 10% of people are unemployed, with additional people on welfare and not on the roles of the unemployed, having given up hope of finding work. The number of food banks has shot up dramatically. Numbers of people find themselves without shelter. And worst of all, growing numbers of children are not finding basic needs met.

So, should ICS cut back in such times? Of course the Institute should be frugal. ICS has demonstrated considerable spending restraint over the years. However, students are in the midst of completing a degree; new students are continuing to apply for admission; opportunities abound in North America to bring the good news that quality academic work and the Christian faith are not in conflict; appeals for help from African, Eastern European, Latin American and Asian Christians come to ICS regularly. Should ICS await to address these concerns till "good times" come back?

A striking face is, that in Canada and the US, nearly 90% of our population is still employed. Even in a so-called recession, North Americans do not usually experience negative growth in the economy; rather we find a situation of zero or slow growth. Canada and the US continue to be among the richest of countries.

ICS does not ask those who are unemployed or underemployed to give during bad times, but as Paul states in II Cor. 8:13, "Our desire is not that others might be relieved while you are hard pressed, but that there might be equality. At the present time your plenty will supply what they need..."

Many people have been blessed with a full salary and many families even two salaries. Many have been blessed with the ability to take a winter vacation, buy a new vehicle, home or the latest electronic products. ICS continues to present its vision for Christian higher education to each person for their consideration for support. The Institute must do so, for it is our calling to do the best we can in the field of graduate education.

So, are these bad times or good times? The evidence says that for the large majority these are good times. Is the glass 90% full or 10% empty? It all depends on how one is measuring.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE AND PHONE-A-THON:

Those who were involved in the membership drive before Christmas should be encouraged by the news that a number of new members and supporters have joined ICS thanks to their efforts. Many volunteers are still in the process, however, of following up on contacts and some will spend time this winter approaching a number of their fellow church members about joining ICS. ICS urges all its friends to remember this continuing effort in prayer.

The dates for our annual phone-a-thon have not yet been set, but will be held sometime later this spring. This event also calls on quite a number of volunteers to spend an evening or two raising the needs of ICS before its supporters. ICS staff is very encouraged that so many people are willing to help when called on in these situations. [E]

Keeping Up With the Faculty

Paul Marshall

Paul attended a meeting of the American Political Science Association and the Eric Voegelin Society in Washington, D.C. (Aug. 29-Sept. 1). In November, with the Juniata faculty and twenty students, he attended a major conference on "Christianity and Democracy" at Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia (sponsored by APJ and Emory).

He spoke to a number of groups, including the Conference of the Mid-Atlantic Region of the Church of the Brethren (Baltimore, Maryland) and the General Council of the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada on current constitutional proposals (Toronto, Ontario) — both in September. In October, he spoke on pluralism to meeting organized by Chaplaincy, McMaster University (Hamilton, Ontario), and — here at ICS — addressed the first meeting of the Institute's new Chairman's Council. On November 9 he was the "Distinguished Christian Lecturer" at Alta Vista College in Seattle, Washington.

In October, he presented a paper on "Godly Work and Godly Rest: Sixteenth Century Protestant and Catholic Social Ethics," at the Annual Meeting of the Western Conference on British Studies, Tucson, Arizona.

He also took part in two learned discussions: three sessions of a joint CRC/RCA videotape production on "Christian Responsibility in Society" for use in churches (Chicago, Illinois) in October, and in December, a round table discussion with Jim Wallis (editor of *Sojourners*) and Doug Bandow (former Reagan staffer, and now at Cato Institute) hosted by the American Studies Program of the Christian College Coalition.

He published several works, among them: • "Innate Rights and Just Relations" published in *Koers*, Fall 1991 (this was a lecture given in South Africa in 1990) • "Freedom of Religion in Canada", published in *The Banner*, December 7, 1991 • two booklets: *Calling Work and Rest* and *Is There a Calvinist Political Theory?* (combining an article with CPJ's "Statement of Political Principles") published by the Institute for Reformational Studies, University of Potchefstroom • a chapter, "Christ and Culture in Canada" published in

the new ICS/UPA book, *Church and Canadian Culture*, edited by Bob VanderVennen • a chapter ("Religion and Canadian Culture") in *Shaping a Christian View for Canada* (with John Stackhouse) in a newly-published report of the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada's Task Force on the Future of Canada (edited by Aileen Van Ginkel, published by Faith Today Press).

Each month this academic year Paul has written a column for *Christian Week* and *Calvinist Contact*, and he has preached six times.

George Vandervelde

Early in January George spent three days at Holy Cross Orthodox Seminary in preparation for the Fifth World Conference on Faith and Order to be held in Spain in the summer of 1993. About 20 North American theologians (four Canadian) were invited to work on a draft document which, after further revision, will be the basic text for the World Conference.

Brian Walsh

On Friday, December 6, Brian spoke at Lambton District High School in Sarnia. He addressed the student body on "Following Christ in a Secular Society". In the evening he spoke on "Real Estate Transitions at the End of History" to a group of over fifty friends of the ICS.

From November 22 to 24 Walsh attended the meetings of the American Academy of Religion and the Society of Biblical Literature in Kansas City.

Hendrik Hart

On Thursday evening January 30 Henk participated in a panel discussion of euthanasia sponsored by SAGA of the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Toronto.

From February 13 to 15 he will give a paper and participate in a conference dealing with love at Brock University, St. Catharines.

Jim Olthuis

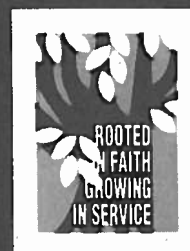
On January 23 Jim spoke with parents, teachers, and students at Durham Christian High School on the topic "Challenges Facing the Family in the 90's."

On February 11, he held a seminar on New Reproductive Technologies at Durham Christian High. [E]



ICS provided me the only opportunity to pursue graduate level studies from a Christian perspective. The academic excellence of the Institute, the warm sense of community and the people I have encountered have inspired me in my academic work and in my faith.

Carroll Guen
Ph.D. Candidate, ICS



ICS Hosts Academic Conference

"An Ethos of Compassion and the Integrity of Creation"

A consistent characteristic of post-modern culture is the questioning of traditional certainties. Many of us experience a shaking of the normative ground on which we stand, a crisis in cultural developments as diverse as the emergence of new medical technologies, shifts in patterns of sexual relations, the rise of cultural pluralism, the New Age movement, the question of a new world order, and how we respond to the environmental crisis.

The Christian's calling to live faithfully and obediently implies an ongoing effort to shape a normed response to the issues and concerns we confront. In this conference, **celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversary of the opening of the Institute for Christian Studies**, we will investigate these kinds of questions under the general theme of "An ethos of compassion and the integrity of creation".

The confessional and philosophical tradition that gave birth to the ICS addressed these questions within the context of the reformed notion of an abiding "creation order". In this conference we will consider anew the strengths and weaknesses of such a perspective.

When confronted with specific questions within the Christian community such as homosexuality, sex change operations, evolution, and new reproductive technologies, how does such a perspective respond? How does an emphasis on normative "order" for creation provide us with a healing orientation in very disorienting times? What are the limits of such a perspective? And how does such a perspective respect the integrity of creation and also evoke an ethos of compassion?

A Tri-Partite Conference

"An ethos of compassion and the integrity of creation" is one in a series of academic conferences co-sponsored by the Vrije Universiteit in Amsterdam, Calvin College and ICS to promote both Christian scholarship and interaction among the faculty of these three institutions. However, speakers at these conferences need not be associated with one of the three sponsoring organizations. At this conference scholars from a variety of institutions have been invited to make a contribution.

Location and Dates

The Conference will be held June 3-6, 1992, at the ICS, with some sessions

at other Toronto locations.

Cost

The cost of the Conference is \$175 (\$75 for full-time students). Registration includes refreshments and a 25th Anniversary Banquet featuring Langdon B. Gilkey, University of Chicago. Participants are responsible for their own food and lodging.

Registration

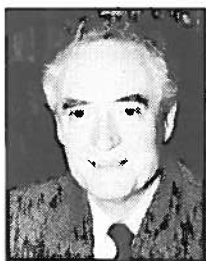
For information or registration forms, contact Cynthia Frazee at ICS, 229 College Street, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5T 1R4, (416) 979-2331. After April 3, late registrations will be accepted, as space allows, with a late registration fee of \$25.

Some of the Speakers:

Langdon B. Gilkey
University of Chicago
John E. Hare
Calvin College
Stanley Hauerwas
Duke University
Barta Knoppers
University of Montreal
Diane Marshall
Institute for Family Living
Mary Stewart VanLeeuwen
Calvin College
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Vrije Universiteit
James Skillen
Association for Public Justice
Calvin Seerveld
ICS
Anthony Diekema
Calvin College
Howard Van Till
Calvin College

Some of the Topics:

- *Environmental Disorder*
- *New World Order*
- *When is sex against nature?*
- *Is male dominance against nature?*
- *Medicine and orderly compassion*
- *Biblical hermeneutics*



Serving through Public Education

by Robert E. VanderVennen

New ICS Book on Christian Views of Non-Christian Thought

How did Christians throughout the ages actually find their way around the land mines of secular culture? A new book published through ICS is a series of ten case studies of how Christian thinkers throughout the ages have tried to come to terms with the views of non-Christian scholars.

This book arose in the Philosophy Department of the Free University of Amsterdam. Its interdisciplinary research group spent nearly a decade investigating the relation between the Christian faith and non-Christian thought.

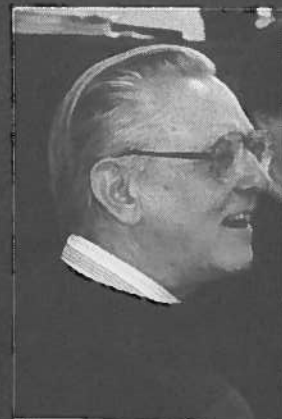
The early church had a life and death struggle with ancient philosophy. Faced with a despising Greco-Roman elite, Christians were forced to take a stand very concretely with respect to Greek philosophy. As Christianity gained influence in the

Roman Empire, the church wavered between acceptance and rejection of the Greek mind. In the Middle Ages these tensions left a wide track of power struggles.

The ten scholars discussed in this book, from Clement of Alexandria to Gutierrez of Preu, are all marked by their struggle with the relation between Christian faith and non-Christian thought.

We ourselves, even in this post-Christian age, are forced to seek our way in a culture which has its secular markings everywhere. Faith and scholarly study always intermix.

This book is written for non-specialists and those professionally active in the history of philosophy. Contributors best known in North America are Albert Wolters, Graham Morbey, Sander Griffioen and Jacob Klapwijk. The book, called *Bringing into Captivity Every Thought*, can be ordered from our Book Order Form on the back page of this issue. [E]



Neither confession nor name will make a college or university Christian. But spirit will... The union of Christian learning with the fostering of community between leaders and students is unique at ICS. Here working, thinking and living communally really come together.

Bob Goudzwaard
Professor of Economics
and Philosophy
Free University of
Amsterdam

Dr. Pitt Recovering

Last November Dr. Clifford Pitt suffered a severe stroke. He has been confined to Scarborough General Hospital since that time.

As a result of the stroke, his left side was completely paralysed and his speech somewhat affected. At this time he is taking therapy on a regular basis and his speech has shown a definite improvement. He is even able to walk a short distance with the aid of a 4-prong cane.

Dr. Pitt is very grateful for the many kind wishes and prayers from his many friends.

Meet John Mavrak

ICS has retained Community Charitable Counselling Service of Canada (CCS) to provide professional fundraising counsel for its Anniversary Campaign. CCS has conducted over 5,000 campaigns worldwide and has raised close to \$4 billion for charitable causes.

John Mavrak, the on-site consultant for ICS, is a Program Director with CCS; he has consulted on many campaigns and raised millions of dollars.

John has organized the volunteer campaign committee (see their picture on page 6) and meets with them on a regular basis. The committee has come to appreciate his commitment, his leadership skills, and his sense of humour. [E]



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ICS FAMILY CONFERENCES 1992

Ontario

The ICS sponsored family conference held annually at Niagara Christian College during the August civic holiday weekend will this year focus on the theme "Aspects of Contemporary Culture." Keynote speaker will be Dr. Bill Romanowski of Calvin College (Film).

Among the workshop leaders will be Dr. John Worst (Calvin-Music); Dr. Quentin Schulze (Calvin-TV Evangelism); Dr. Hugh Cook (Redeemer-Literature); Dr. Jim Olthuis (ICS-Ethics); Dr. Brian Walsh (ICS-The Transforming Vision, Part II).

BC North

Keynote speaker at the Tyee Lake conference is Dr. Paul Marshall. The theme here will be similar to that of last year's Niagara conference, where Marshall spoke on being a Christian in a pluralistic world.

BC South

Theme will be: "The Christian Family in the 21st Century." The organizing committee is in the process of securing a speaker and workshop leaders.

Alberta

The Deer Valley Meadows conference also hopes to explore family related issues, but has not yet finalized its plans. More information on this and other conferences will be included in our next issue.

Dates

Of our various ICS Family Conferences, only the one in BC South meets over the Labour Day weekend in September. All others take place on the first (long) weekend in August. □

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Current and Excellent

Search for Community in a Withering Tradition Kai Nielsen and Hendrik Hart	\$22.95	_____
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