

ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE SWEDISH THEOLOGICAL
INSTITUTE (STI)
1979–1982

1. STAFF

Director: In the autumn of 1979, Rev. Dr. Göran Larsson was appointed the new director of the STI. Dr. Larsson, born in 1949, studied Theology and Semitic Languages at the University of Lund, Sweden, and was a student at the STI in spring 1972. In 1974 he finished his B.D. and B.A. and was ordained in the ministry. After some years of pastoral work he commenced his doctoral studies in Rabbinic Literature at the Institutum Judaicum Delitzschianum in Münster, West Germany, as well as in Jerusalem. In 1980 he presented his thesis “Der Toseftatraktat Jom hak-Kippurim. Text, Übersetzung, Kommentar . . .” in Lund, for which he was awarded the degree of Th.D.

In spring 1980, when Dr. Larsson was on leave, Dr. Anders Hultgård and Dr. Magnus Ottosson, both from the University of Uppsala, Sweden, served as acting directors.

Deputy director: In the summer of 1980 Rev. Åke Skoog was appointed Executive Secretary of the Ecumenical Theological Research Fraternity in Israel, and joined the staff of the STI as deputy director and lecturer on Jewish-Christian relations. Rev. Skoog previously was involved in the Jewish-Christian dialogue in France, where for twelve years he lead the Swedish-sponsored organization Église et Monde Juif.

Manager: Mrs. Harriet Holmquist, serving since 1972, retired in the summer of 1982. Her successor is Miss Anna-Greta Norén, B.D., M.A., who has been a teacher at a school for adult education in Sweden.

Assistants: Henrik Alberius, B.D., B.A. (1979); Jakob Ekström, stud. theol. (spring 1980); Lennart Hamark, stud. theol. (autumn 1980); Rev. Anders Roos (1981–1982).

2. PARTICIPANTS

The autumn semester 1979

Jakob Ekström, Anne Gustafsson, Bo Ljungberg, Bengt Nilsson, Håkan Ulfgård (all from Sweden), Håkan Granberg, Janne Nurmi (both from Finland).

The spring semester 1980

Jan-Erik Eriksson, Lennart Hamark, Ann-Marie Nelson, Birgitta Nihlén, Marianne Nygren, Claes Södergren (all from Sweden).

The autumn semester 1980

Katriina Eerola, Björn Fyhrlund, Rolf Gravé, Björn Gustavsson, Marianne Lindblom, Anders Roos (all from Sweden), Helene Holm (Denmark), Hakan Sandvik, Markus Ventin (both from Finland), Dagrun Rönnåbakk (Norway).

The spring semester 1981

Jan Andersson, Stig Ekelund, Per Jansson, Inger Johansson, Joakim Johansson, Magnus Lundberg, Göran Magell, Anna Greta Norén, Johannes Nygren, Tore Nygren, Lars Svensson (all from Sweden).

The autumn semester 1981

Kjell Andersson, Karin Bergqvist, Bertil Bodin, Ann Eriksson, Mildred Fischer, Bo Hultgren, Kjell Jansson, Peter Landgren, Ann-Cathrin Roubert, Per Ström, Ulf Söderberg (all from Sweden), Morten Munch (Denmark).

The spring semester 1982

John Ho Hui-Min (Taiwan), Chellaian Lawrence, Thaveedu Aruldoss (both from India), Tomas Ndiwakalunga, Martin Nelumbu (both from Namibia), Evan Hove (Zimbabwe), Joel Mlay (Tanzania), Jerald Mall (England), Hjörtur Johannsson (Iceland), Mats Ekström, Jan Ohlson (both from Sweden) and as a part-time student Tadahiro Ninomiya (Japan).

3. SUMMARY OF THE PROGRAM OF THE STI 1979—1982

The Institute underwent renovations and some enlarging during the nineteen-seventies, the most extensive of which occurred in 1978—1979, when it was also partially closed. In the summer of 1979 the STI resumed full operations. From then on the academic year was divided into two main semesters, February—May and September—December. During each recess the Institute is used for intensive courses and conferences.

Spring 1979

Winter-course for study-circle teachers.

Two-weeks course for participants from Africa (Ethiopia, Zimbabwe and South-Africa).

One-week course for students and teachers from Tamil Nardu Theological College, India.

Summer-course for teachers of religion.

The autumn semester 1979

SEMINARS: Introduction to Rabbinic Literature with reading and interpretation of the Mishna tractate Yoma on the Day of Atonement. The Jewish prayer-book and the history and structure of the Synagogue service. Jewish faith and life: From birth to burial. The theology of the Letter to the Hebrews (given by Professor Jukka Thurén, Åbo, Finland).

LECTURES: Professor Jukka Thurén, Åbo, Finland, gave the following series of public lectures: *Die Einheit Gottes im Neuen Testament*. 1. Die Einheit Gottes in den Worten Jesu und in der Verkündigung der Synoptiker. 2. Reden das Johannesevangelium und der Hebräerbrief von "zwei Mächten im Himmel"? 3. Ein Gott, ein Herr, eine Gemeinde; die Einheit Gottes in der paulinischen Theologie.

Professor David Flusser, Jerusalem: *The Roots of Christianity in Judaism*.

Professor Rolf Rendtorff, Heidelberg: *Christian Theology after Auschwitz*.

CONSULTATION: *Confessing Christ in Cultural Contexts*; a consultation arranged by the Lutheran World Federation, Geneva, on problems concerning contextualization and indigenization of the Biblical message. The participants came mainly from Sweden and Tanzania.

The spring semester 1980

SEMINARS: Judaism and Hellenism. The Hasmonean Era. The History of the Jews in Europe. The Passover Haggadah. — Dr. Anders Hultgård. Archaeology of Palestine. — Dr. Magnus Ottosson.

LECTURES: Professor Niels Hyldahl, Copenhagen, Denmark, gave the following series of public lectures: *The Relation between Christianity and Judaism According to the New Testament*. 1. Judaism from 175 B.C. to A.D. 70. 2. Christianity within Judaism. 3. Paul, the Jews, and the Gentiles. 4. Church and Synagogue from A.D. 70 to 100.

Professor Pinhas Hacohen Peli, Jerusalem: *The Meaning of the Sabbath*.

Dr. Coos Schoneveld, Jerusalem: *Dialogue in Jerusalem*.

SUMMER COURSE FOR TEACHERS OF RELIGION.

The autumn semester 1980

SEMINARS: Introduction to Rabbinic Literature with reading and interpretation of the Mishna tractate Pirke Avoth. Rabbinic interpretation of Scriptures; each participant completed a textual interpretation based on ancient and modern Jewish commentaries; the texts chosen dealt with figures from the Book of Genesis. The Church and the Jewish People, historically and to date.

The Qumran texts and the New Testament. Romans 7 in the light of the intertestamental literature. Both seminars were conducted by Bishop Bertil Gärtner, Gothenburg, Sweden.

LECTURES: Professor Georg Fohrer, Jerusalem: *Tora und Rechtsverhalten nach der hebräischen Bibel*.

Benjamin Jaffe, M.A., M. Jur., Adv.: *The Historical Background of Modern Judaism*. 1. The Emancipation and the Exit from the Ghetto. 2. The Chasidism and the Haskala (Enlightenment). 3. Antisemitism

and Race Theories in the 19th Century. 4. The Jews in Eretz Israel in the years 1800—1914. 5. Zionism and the Jewish People. 6. World Jewry and Palestine in the years 1914—1939. 7. Holocaust and the Creation of the State of Israel.

Professor Pinhas Hachohen Peli, Jerusalem: *Jewish Prayer*. Professor Yehuda T. Radday, Haifa: *Vocabulary Richness As a Key to the Structure of Lamentations*.

Rabbi Dr. Pessah Schindler, Jerusalem: *Theological Implications of the Holocaust*.

WINTER COURSE FOR CLERGYMEN.

The spring semester 1981

SEMINARS: Torah — Nomos — Law: On Jewish understanding of the Revelation. Basic concepts in Judaism. The Passover Haggadah. Rabbinic interpretation of Scriptures; each participant completed a textual interpretation based on ancient and modern Jewish commentaries; the texts chosen dealt with different aspects of the life of Moses. The Church and the Jewish People, historically and to date. Christian reflections on Judaism.

LECTURES: Professor Benedikt Otzen, Aarhus, Denmark, gave the following public lectures: *Apocalyptic in Early Judaism*. 1. Prophecy — Wisdom — Apocalyptic. 2. Apocalyptic in Early Judaistic Community. 3. Some Central Apocalyptic Themes.

Professor Pinhas Hachohen Peli, Jerusalem: *The Spiritual Dimension of the Halakhah*.

Professor Helmer Ringgren, Uppsala, Sweden: *Old Testament Quotations in the New Testament*.

Dr. Jonathan Shuneri, Jerusalem: *Karaism, Rabbinism and the Sola Scriptura Principle*.

CONSULTATION: Wind-up consultation of the study project *Confessing Christ in Cultural Contexts*, conducted by the Lutheran World Federation, Geneva. Participants from Sweden, West Germany, Tanzania, South Africa, Japan, Indonesia, United States and Brazil. The opening lecture was given by the director of the STI on the theme: *Confessing Christ for Jews and Gentiles — Reflection on Developments in the Early Church*.

The autumn semester 1981

SEMINARS: Introduction to Rabbinic Literature with reading and interpretation of selected Rabbinic sources on the Temple and the cult. Rabbinic interpretation of Scriptures; each participant completed a textual interpretation based on ancient and modern Jewish commentaries; the texts chosen dealt with theophanies in the Hebrew Bible. Theological roots of antisemitism.

LECTURES: Professor Lars Hartman, Uppsala, Sweden, gave the following public lectures: *Man and Creation before God in Early Judaism and Early Christianity*. 1. A Living Cosmos. 2. Moral Cosmos — Moral Man. 3. Universal Peace.

Professor David Flusser, Jerusalem: *The New Testament as a Jewish Book*.

Professor Asher Kaufman, Jerusalem: *The Second Temple — Its Structure and Location*.

Archimandrite C. Meliton, Jerusalem: *The Present Dialogue between the Greek-Orthodox and the Lutheran Churches*.

Professor Pavel Pawlikowski, Chicago, U.S.A.: *Modern Christologies and the Jewish-Christian Encounter*.

Professor Pinhas Hacohen Peli, Jerusalem: *God's Revelation — Man's Responsibility*.

Professor Yehuda T. Radday, Haifa: *The Wellhausen Hypothesis in a New Light*.

CONSULTATION: Problems and possibilities for the Church in South India. Participants from the Church of Sweden Mission and the Tamil Evangelical Lutheran Church in India.

WINTER COURSE FOR CLERGYMEN.

The spring semester 1982

This year we began to cooperate more closely with the sister churches of the Church of Sweden in various parts of the world. Only two of the students came from Sweden.

SEMINARS: Torah — Talmud — Testament; on oral and written revelation. The Exodus motif in the Bible and in Early Judaism. The Passover Haggadah. Jerusalem in the Second Temple period.

Jewish faith and life. The parting of the ways between Church and Synagogue.

LECTURES: In conjunction with the celebration of the centenary of our house “Beth Tabor” and the 30th anniversary of our Institute, Professor David B. Burrell, University of Notre Dame, U.S.A., gave the following public lectures: *Guides to the Perplexed. A Medieval Exchange among Jews, Christians and Moslems on Religious Truth — An Exercise in Mutual Understanding*. 1. The Setting: Al-Farabi, Ibn-Sina and the Theologians. 2. Maimonides and Aquinas on Divine Attributes: A Conversation. 3. Maimonides, Aquinas and Gersonides on Providence and Evil.

Professor Pinhas Hacohen Peli, Jerusalem: *Judaism — A Witness through History and Faith*.

Professor Yehuda T. Radday, Haifa: *The Wellhausen Hypothesis in New Light*.

Professor Rolf Rendtorff, Heidelberg: *Towards A New Reading of the Hebrew Bible*.

Professor Krister Stendahl, Harvard, U.S.A.: *Theological Studies in the Jewish Encounter — A Return to the Roots*.

SUMMER COURSE FOR TEACHERS OF RELIGION.

The autumn semester 1982

SEMINARS: Introduction to Rabbinic Literature. Hermeneutical problems — principles for Jewish and Christian interpretation of Scriptures. The Synagogue service — its origin and development; reading and interpretation of the main portions of the morning prayer in the Siddur. The Book of Ruth. Christian anti-Jewish approaches to Judaism.

LECTURES: Professor Tryggve Kronholm, Stavanger, Norway, gave a series of three public lectures on the theme *Is There a Center in the Hebrew Scripture? Reflection on the Current Debate*.

Rabbi Gedaliah Fleer, Jerusalem: *Spirituality Reflected in the Halakhah. A Controversy between Maimonides and Nachmanides*.

Rev. John Lundmark, Uppsala, Sweden: *Ephesians 2, 11–22 and the One People of God*.

Professor Pinhas Hacohen Peli, Jerusalem: *Repentance and Atonement in Jewish Belief*.

Mrs. Pnina Peli, Jerusalem: *The Woman in Jewish Faith and in Jewish Society*.

Rev. Josef Shulam, Jerusalem: *The Exegesis of John 1, 17 in the Light of Jewish Midrash*.

Professor Uri Simon, Tel Aviv: *The Chosen People in the Chosen Land*.

Professor Alberto Soggin, Rome: *Old Testament Theology after von Rad*.

Rev. Thord Thordson, Åtvidaberg, Sweden: *The Origin of the Samaritans*.

WINTER COURSE FOR CLERGYMEN.

Except for the items briefly mentioned here, the curriculum includes *field trips and excursions* in connection with a course on the *geography, history and archaeology* of the land.

The Cycle of the Jewish Year is studied with regard to the different feasts held during the semesters.

The students are offered a course comparing *Biblical, Mishnaic and Modern Hebrew*; they also normally participate in an Ulpan course in Modern Hebrew. One distinguished lecturer is the daughter of Eliezer Ben Yehuda, Mrs Dola Ben Yehuda-Wittman, Jerusalem, who lectures on *The Revival of the Hebrew Language*.

An introductory course in the history, theology and liturgy of the different *Christian Churches*, especially those of *oriental* origin, is a permanent part of the curriculum.

Islam is studied at a seminar primarily given by Dr. Ronald L. Nettler, Jerusalem. The students also are afforded the opportunity of meeting with Muslim teachers of Islam as well as of attending religious services at mosques.

In addition different aspects of *Modern Israel* are dealt with at seminars, lectures and study tours.