

# GNPT PROTOCOL

## 1) Aims & Intentions of the Global Network for Public Theology

- The Global Network for Public Theology (hereafter referred to as GNPT) is an organic network of Higher Institutional Centres and designated programmes conducting interdisciplinary research in theology and public issues, especially in relation to the poor, the marginalized, and the environment, in a global context.
- To this end we will seek to foster bilateral and multilateral collaboration, to plan and seek external funding for a joint global research project for the purpose of building capacity within the network, to support and develop the *International Journal of Public Theology*, and to establish a Global Exchange Program for Doctoral students in public theology.

## 2) Membership in the GNPT

- The categories of Membership are Full and Associate.
- The category of Full Membership is for Higher Education Institutions with designated centres and programmes that do research in public theology and/or offer postgraduate programmes of public theology, and that have the formal backing of their Institution of Higher Education.
- The category of Associate Membership is for emerging Higher Education Institutional Centres and designated programmes in public theology.
- New Members are admitted through nomination by Full Member Institutions and are subject to approval by the Executive and the endorsement of the next Triennial Consultation.

## 3) Global Network Executive

- The Network will be served by a co-ordinating Executive elected for a period of three years.
- The Membership of this Executive will be:
  - Chair [a senior member of the host institution]
  - Two vice-chairs, one from the present host institution and one from the successor host institution
  - One representative from each of the global regional networks
  - The editor of the *International Journal of Public Theology*
  - The previous chair, who will continue to serve for the period of one further year
  - Co-opted individuals who may advise the Executive and be appointed at its discretion for a period of one to three years.

## 4) Decision-making

- **Each Full Member** is allowed one vote
  - for the purpose of electing a regional representative on the Global Network Executive;
  - in deciding plenary business at the triennial GNPT Consultation.
- **Each Associate Member** is entitled to participate in plenary business debates, but not to vote.
- **Each Executive member** has one vote, with the exception of the Vice-Chair from the host institution who has no vote. In addition, the Chair has a deciding vote.
- **Co-opted individuals** are not entitled to vote.

## **5) Triennial Consultation**

- The GNPT will meet every three years as guests of the Global Host.
- Attendance at the Triennial Consultation is required of all Member Institutions.
- Apologies with good cause for non-attendance at the Triennial Consultations must be given to the Chair of the Executive Committee, which has powers to remove Member Institutions for non-attendance without cause.

## **6) Global Host**

- The Global host of the Network will normally rotate among the regions of the world.
- The site of consecutive Global Hosts will be determined at each Triennial Consultation.