

GNPT PROTOCOL

1. Aims & Intentions of the Global Network for Public Theology

- 1.1 The Global Network for Public Theology (hereafter referred to as GNPT) is an organic network of Higher Education 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 glocal context.
- 1.2 To this end the GNPT fosters bilateral and multilateral collaboration, supports and develops the *International Journal of Public Theology*, organizes a global Consultation every three years and pursues other projects by decision of its Executive and/or Business Meeting.

2. Membership in the GNPT

- 2.1 The categories of Membership are Full and Associate.
 - 2.1.1 The category of Full Membership is for Higher Education Institutions with designated centres and/or 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.
 - 2.1.2 The category of Associate Membership is for initiatives that work at the interface of theory and practice in the perspective of a public theology, with or without a formal link to a Higher Education Institution..
 - 2.1.3 New Members are admitted through a formal application with a recommendation from the Regional Representative and are subject to approval by the Executive and the endorsement of the next triennial Consultation.

3. Global Network Executive

- 3.1 The Network is served by a co-ordinating Executive elected for a period of three years.
- 3.2 The Membership of this Executive are:
 - A 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 regions
 - The editor of the *International Journal of Public Theology*
 - The previous chair, who will continue to serve for the period of one further year after the Consultation they hosted.

3.3 The Executive may call upon individuals who may advise the Executive and be appointed at its discretion for a period of one to three years.

4. Decision-making

4.1 A Business Meeting is held at every triennial Consultation among representatives of member institutions.

4.2 At the Business Meeting, member institutions approve any changes to this protocol (by a two-thirds majority), choose the host institution for the next Consultation(s) (by simple majority) and make arrangements for the election of the representatives by each of the six regions before the first meeting of the new Executive as convened by the current chair.

4.3 The Business Meeting can discuss and vote upon other matters at its own discretion or as proposed by the Executive. A convocation and order of the day has to be sent at least 48 hours before the Meeting.

4.4 In the Business Meeting, each Full Member is allowed one vote.

4.4.1 Each Associate Member is entitled to participate in plenary business debates, but not to vote.

4.4.2 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.

4.4.3 Co-opted individuals are not entitled to vote.

5. Triennial Consultation

5.1 The GNPT meets every three years for a Consultation organized by a Global Host as chosen by the Business Meeting during the previous Consultation.

5.2 Attendance at the Triennial Consultation is required of all Member Institutions.

5.3 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

6.1 The Global Host of the Network will normally rotate among the regions of the world.

6.2 The site of consecutive Global Hosts will be determined at each triennial Consultation.

As revised and approved by the GNPT Business Meeting at the VI Consultation in Curitiba, Brazil, 4 October, 2022.