



# JULIE CANLIS

LECTURER, MOTHER, INTEGRATIVE THEOLOGIAN

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## SUMMARY

I hold a PhD in theology from the U of St Andrews. My research received a Templeton Prize (2007) & Christianity Today Award (2011: **Calvin's Ladder**). I live at the intersection of church & academy, working alongside my husband (Anglican priest), raising 4 children (+an apricot orchard), running a non-profit, teaching liturgy, & lecturing. I love transposing the Patristic Fathers on an everyday Sunday. My current research is the Liturgical Year with an emphasis on discipleship and/as Christology.

## LETTERS / AWARDS

### WORSHIPPING COMMUNITIES GRANT

2021 won on behalf of Trinity Church

### THEOLOGIANs TO READ & FOLLOW

2020 Patheos "Crux Sola" List

### CHRISTIANITY TODAY MERIT AWARD

2011 Books of the Year: Theology

### TEMPLETON PRIZE : THEOLOGICAL PROMISE, Heidelberg 2007

For the best contribution by a young scholar. Funded lectures (2008-10) in UK (Cambridge, St Andrews, Bristol, Highlands), USA (Western & Hope), Hungary (U of Debrecen), Canada (Acadia Divinity & Wycliffe College)

### UK OVERSEAS RESEARCH FELLOW

U of St Andrews (UK) 2000-2005 PhD (Full scholarship: UK Funding Council)

### THEOLOGY PRIZE *Spiritual Theology*

Regent College (CA) 1998 & 2000 MCS (Full Scholarship: Board of Governors)

### MAGNA CUM LAUDE *History, French, Comparative History of Ideas*

U of Washington (USA) 1992-1996 BA (Half Scholarship: Washington State)

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### LITURGICAL DIRECTOR

Trinity Church | 2014-2022

A growing Anglican Church in the heart of Washington State:

- I formed an **Evensong** choir with 12 teenage girls & pioneered a new singing / walking UK Pilgrimage Route ([britishpilgrimage.org](http://britishpilgrimage.org)) 2022
- I won a Calvin College **Worshipping Communities Grant**, coordinating a year of artists & lecturers for lay education and development (2021)
- I overhauled our music (2018) and became Liturgical Director (2019) and a part-time staff member (2019-2022)
- I established a children's discipleship & Godly Play ministry (2014-2017)

### GODSPEED PRESS & CHARITABLE CORPORATION

Founder | 2015-2022+

Founded Godspeed Charitable Trust & Godspeed Press, in order to write & distribute printed material to pastors & informed lay-persons who desire to read from a hermeneutic of personhood

- Speaking internationally, representing the [livegodspeed.org](http://livegodspeed.org) mission
- Curating material for churches, designing video series, writing curricula

### THE ABBEY SUMMER SCHOOL

Co-Founder | 2013-2019

Founding, organizing, co-teaching a three-day conference on spirituality and theology in Edinburgh, to continue the education of the Scottish Laity. TASS continues under Scottish leadership.

### SESSIONAL LECTURER

Summer & Weekend Schools (Sessional Faculty)

- Whitworth University (WA): Masters in Theology (2015, 17, 19, 23)
- Regent College (CA): Masters in Theology (2008, 10, 15)
- YWAM University of the Nations (2019 Geneva, 2023 Kona)
- University of St Andrews (2005-6) Honors Graduate Courses



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## DICTIONARIES

"Union with Christ" in *Evangelical Dictionary of Theology*, 3rd ed. Edited by Daniel E. Trier & Walter A. Elwell (Baker Academic: 2017)

"Stages of Spiritual Ascent" in *Dictionary of Christian Spirituality*. Edited by Glen Scorgie, p. 274-76. (Zondervan, 2011)

## CHRISTIANITY TODAY

(2022)

"Self-Care only works in God's Care"

(2020)

"Love in the Desert of Lent"

(2020)

"The Bible's Best Description of Salvation Is a Phrase We Rarely Use"

(2019)

"If We Want to Evangelize, Try Talking About the Weather"

(2018)

"The Incarnation is the Rule, Not the Exception"

## CRUX

- "Love Thy Selfie? Knowledge of Self in the Light of Knowledge of God" 59 (2023)
- "John Calvin: Sojourner through Fear to Fear of the Lord" 54 (2018)
- "To Thine Own Self Be True? John Calvin and the Mystery of Human Identity" – essays in Honor of J. I. Packer, 52 (2016)
- "Father and Son: John Calvin and Communion" – essays in Honor of James Houston, 48 (2012)
- 'Calvin's Institutes: Primer for Spiritual Formation,' 47 (2011)
- 'Downloading our Spirituality: Why Going to Church Doesn't Seem to Matter in this Virtual Age,' 45 (2009)

## LETTERED THEOLOGY

### MONOGRAPHS:

- **Calvin's Ladder: A Spiritual Theology of Ascent and Ascension** Eerdmans (2010) + reprint (2019)
- **A Theology of the Ordinary** Self-published (Godspeed Press, 2016) - sold 10,000 copies
- **Godspeed: An Eight-week Video & Study Guide** Self-published (Godspeed Press, 2017) - sold 6000 copies

### BOOK CHAPTERS & JOURNAL ARTICLES

- "Martin of Tours" in Gracie Morbitzer (ed.) *The Modern Saints Project* (Penguin: forthcoming)
- "The Knowledge of Oneself in Relation to the Knowledge of God" in Eric Johnson (ed.) *Reformational Counseling: A Theological and Holistic Approach to the Care of Souls* (Crossway: forthcoming)
- "The Value of CD 1 for Ordinary People" in Marty Folsom, Karl Barth's *Church Dogmatics for Everyone, Volume 1: The Doctrine of the Word of God*, pp. 255-59 (Zondervan: 2022)
- "Trinitarian Prayer: Praying from Slave-Narratives to Son-Narratives" in Lincoln Harvey (ed.) *Essays on the Trinity*, pp. 178-191 (Cascade: 2018)
- "John Calvin: Knowing the Self in God's Presence" in James Houston & Jens Zimmerman (eds.) *Sources of the Christian Self: A Cultural History of Christian Identity*, pp. 392-410. (Eerdmans: 2018)
- "The Geography of Participation: In Christ is Location, Location, Location" *Ex Auditu* 33 (2017): 130-152
- "Pilgrimage, Geography, and Mischievous Theology," *The Other Journal* 24 (2015): 12-19
- "Beyond Tearing One Another to Pieces: Union with Christ in Reformed Scholarship," *Journal of Reformed Theology* 8 (2014): 79-88
- "Sonship, Identity, and Transformation" in Kelly Kapic (ed.) *Sanctification: Explorations in Theology and Practice*, pp. 224-246 (IVP: 2014)
- 'The Fatherhood of God and Union with Christ in Calvin' in Michael Thate, Kevin Vanhoozer, & Constantine Campbell (eds.) "In Christ" in Paul, pp. 399-426 (Tubingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2014)
- 'The Inner Dynamics of Calvinism: Why Calvin's Theology Fostered a Spirituality of Participation rather than Imitation' in Gijsbert van den Brink & Harro Höpfl (eds.) *Calvinism and the Making of the European Mind*, pp.27-42 (Leiden: Brill, 2014)
- 'Reforming Ascent: Calvin's Communion Motif' in *Fiftieth International Eucharistic Congress: The Ecclesiology of Communion Fifty Years after the Opening of Vatican II. Proceedings of the International Symposium of Theology*, St Patrick's College, Maynooth, Ireland, pp. 517-529 (Dublin: Veritas Publications, 2013)
- 'Living as God's Children: Calvin's Institutes as Primer for Spiritual Formation' in Myk Habets (ed.) *Evangelical Calvinism: Essays Resourcing the Continuing Reformation of the Church*. Princeton Theological Monograph Series, p.331-352 (Pickwick: 2012)
- 'Being Made Human: the Significance of Creation for Irenaeus's Doctrine of Participation,' *Scottish Journal of Theology* 58 (2005):434-467



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## REFERENCES

### Fr. John Behr

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## PUBLIC THEOLOGY

- Hutchmoot Arts & Theology Conference – Oxford, UK (2022) and Nashville (2018, 2022)  
“Rumors of the Holy City: The Practice and Theology of Pilgrimage” & “Sculpted Identity: Early Christian Views of Art, Identity and Baptismal Fonts” & “No Man is an Island”
- North American Baptist Triennial – keynote speaker, CA (2021)  
“Hospitality and the Trinity: learning to become host and guest”
- ACNA Diocese of Christ our Hope Convocation – keynote speaker, NC (2021)  
“Theological Anthropology, Baptism, and the Church Calendar”
- Christ Among the Disciplines (Oct 2020): A Public Response to Kathryn Tanner  
“Reading Alongside Calvin: Kathryn Tanner and Obedience”
- Calvin College Worship Symposium – keynote speaker for Student Leadership, MI (2019)  
“A Theology of the Ordinary – integrating discipleship and daily life”
- Bethel Seminary – keynote speaker, CA & Christ Church, Austin – keynote, TX (2018)  
“Christ’s Humanity and Ours: The Poetry of Everyday Life”
- North Park Theological Seminary: Symposium on Participation, IL (2017)  
“The Geography of Participation: In Christ is location, location, location”
- Biola University: Spiritual Formation Week – keynote speaker, CA (2015)  
“Introducing Lent, Deserts, and our journey into the Christian Life”
- Abbey Summer School, Edinburgh (July 2014; July 2015; June 2017; June 2019)  
Founding, organizing, co-teaching a three-day conference on spirituality and theology
- Wenatchee Public Lectures – 6 week series of lectures on the Church Calendar, WA (2014)  
“Lent to the Rescue” – Remember your Baptism, Tradition, Time, Desert, 7 Deadly Sins
- The Holy Spirit Conference, Holy Trinity Brompton (March 2013)  
“Culture, Christian Identity, and the Authenticity Hoax”
- AAR: Panel for the Reformed Theology Group on Union with Christ, IL (2012)  
“Becoming gods or sons? Union with Christ and Calvin’s Theology of Adoption”  
AAR: Panel for New Paradigms for Teaching the History of Christianity (2012)  
“Case Studies of the Church at Worship: An Incarnational Response”
- Calvin College – Student & Faculty Seminars with Julie Canlis on Ascent, MI (2012)
- Pontifical University of Ireland: Ecumenical Celebration of Vatican II (2012)  
“A Tale of Two Communion: Koinonia with God and Others in Calvin”
- Biblical & Practical teaching at W. Coast Presbyterian Pastor Conference, CA (2012)  
“Christ, the Spirit, and the Church: Embodiment and Participating in God”
- European Science Foundation: The Impact of Calvin on the European Mind, Netherlands (2011)  
“Imitation or Participation? Calvin’s basic instinct”
- The Edinburgh Dogmatics Conference, Rutherford House, Scotland (2011)  
“Sonship, Identity, and Transformation”
- The Holy Spirit Conference, Holy Trinity Brompton, London (2011)  
“Downloading Spirituality: Why Going to Church Doesn’t Seem to Matter in a Virtual Age”
- Templeton Lectures (2008-2010): University of Cambridge, U of Bristol, U of Debrecen (Hungary), U of St Andrews, U of Toronto, Acadia Divinity School (Canada), U of Highlands (Scotland), Western Theological Seminary (USA), Hope College (USA)
- Society for the Study of Theology, Newcastle (2003)  
“Humanity’s ontology of Reception: Creation, Growth & Perfection in Irenaeus of Lyon”