

## Editorial

The beginning of the Reformed tradition is often traced back to 1522, when Ulrich Zwingli first made his protestant views known publicly (in an episode amusingly remembered as “the affair of the sausages”). Since then, the Reformed tradition has taken on diverse forms within different global contexts, including South Africa and the broader African continent. To reflect on these developments – and explore where we find ourselves now – the Faculty of Theology at Stellenbosch University, together with various church partners belonging to the Reformed tradition, hosted a conference titled “Mirrors and Windows: Reflecting on the Reformed Tradition today” in October 2022, 500 years after Zwingli’s actions. The 13 original articles included in this volume stem from this gathering.

In line with the conference’s theme, each of these article’s endeavours, from various perspectives, to hold a mirror up to aspects of the Reformed tradition’s past and present, while also – deliberately – looking ahead towards its future in light of the challenges prevalent in our contemporary society. The articles can therefore be seen to embody a form of engaged scholarship, wherein authors actively seek to integrate Reformed theology into discussions concerning tangible realities and concerns in our world today. The hope is that – by following this approach – the articles will not only make a valuable contribution to academia but also benefit the church in South Africa and beyond.

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