**Child Theology and the Bible**

Yearbook of Contextual Biblical Interpretation - *Call for proposals*

Deadline: 31st December 2023

For the first issue of the new *Yearbook of Contextual Biblical Interpretation*, published per 2024 by Amsterdam University Press, the editorial board invites proposals for articles on the topic of child theology and the Bible

Just as Jesus placed a child in the midst of his disciples, Child theology places children in the midst of theologians, not to teach them their insights but to learn from the way children look at God. It is a growing movement within academic theology and was also the theme of the 2023 edition of the Dom Hélder Câmara lecture. On 1 November 2023, this lecture was held by Dr. Shantelle Weber of Stellenbosch University (with responses by dr. Ronelle Sonnenberg and Corina Nagel-Herweijer) and dedicated to the topic of childist perspectives in Biblical studies. In this first volume of the Yearbook we want to continue the discussion started there and also give room for related topics.

Examples of relevant topics or angles for article proposals may include (but are not limited to) the following:

* Is there child theology in the Bible?
* Child theology and common academic research of the Bible
* Child theology and specific books or themes of the Bible
* Child theology in a specific context
* Child theology and liturgy
* Child theology and school
* Child theology and children’s spirituality
* Child theology and ethical issues
* Godly play

Please submit abstracts of 150-300 words using the form by 5pm on Sunday 31st December 2023. On Monday 15th January 2024, a selection of applicants will be invited by the issue editor to submit a full article by Sunday 31st March 2024, after which a process of (double-blind) peer-review and final selection will follow. Publication is expected no later than October 2024.

The editorial board expressly welcomes proposals from scholars from all stages of their academic careers and from all backgrounds, and strives for a balanced palette of contributions. It encourages applicants to consider the following additional criteria for the selection of proposals:

* Relevance to the topic of Child theology and the Bible;
* Originality;
* Academic rigour and clarity of the argument and approach.

The *Yearbook of Contextual Biblical Interpretation* aims to further the scholarly development of contextual biblical interpretation, both as an academic practice and in relation to other fields of biblical research. It is aimed at a broad spectrum of readers, including scholars and ecclesial practitioners. Each issue contains 1) a combination of articles on a central theme, 2) an extensive overview article which discusses substantial and methodological progress and challenges within the field of contextual biblical interpretation, and 3) a selection of book reviews and response articles in which authors may further the debate through engagement with their reviews. Articles are published in English, but may be accompanied by a summary in a language other than the language of the article. All contributions to the *Yearbook of Contextual Biblical Interpretation* are published in Diamond Open Access online and accessible via [www.aup-online.com](about:blank).

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