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Congratulations with the fact that your institute is commemorating its 25th anniversary! It is great what you all have done for the benefit of the church, for the benefit of the society. Your contributions at several levels, like scientific and educational levels, are very important for all of us. The work provides insights in developments in many church related issues, like for instance new thoughts regarding theology of beauty. I admit that this approach never came to my mind until I read about it in your papers. Beyond that, your institute supports the dissemination of knowledge through lectures and through the translation of theological books as well as the printing of books, through courses and summer schools.

The work is important. The attitude is even more so, since I see your work as one of the examples of work, done through the members of Oikosnet Europe in very many countries. And we know that this goes beyond the continent as well. The fact that we are also connected with people, with organisations in other continents makes clear that mutual support, translation of work, of books, enhancing qualities of others, is a precious gift, which comes through this network.

We are glad that this was your work during the last

With best wishes
on behalf of the Board of Oikosnet Europe

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Jaap van der Sar", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Jaap van der Sar
President