

St. Andrew's in 2019

2019 was a challenging but very fruitful year for us. Despite the local and global problems we held a number of important scholarly and public conferences with accent on ecumenical dialogue and civil society, published many new books and organized two sessions of our Summer Institutes.

Summer Theological Institutes and Public Conferences

We continued our highly successful Summer Theological Institute (STI), organizing two sessions of the 18th STI in Moscow from 24 June to 6 July (one group included those who had theological education and another included students of secular universities). These were vibrant meetings with very intensive studies and active communication between students and teachers. 40 students came from all over Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, Kazakhstan and Poland and represented all major confessions. Many of them were established specialists, university professors or priests. Teachers were St. Andrew's best professors.



The 10th Symposium *Feast Images in History, Theology and Culture* in memory of Natalia Trauberg; *A Martin Hengel Day in Moscow* and the 24th *St. Andrew's Readings on Contemporary Theological Issues* were open to a wide audience and gathered many friends of our Institute.

Interconfessional and International Cooperation

A number of important international conferences were organized in 2019, often jointly with other academic centers: *'Green Theology': Emerging 21st Century Muslim and Christian Discourses on Ecology*, Cambridge, 30-31 March; *Theology of Freedom*, Bose, Italy, 23–26 October; *Religion and Liberalism*, Moscow, 11-14 December.

St. Andrew's rector and other faculty members participated in many international events including *The European Academy of Religion* (Bologna); Board and general meetings of *The European Christian Convention* (Rome and Chania, Greece); *The Global Forum of Theological Educators*

(Chania); an annual conference of *The Journées d'Arras* on Christian-Muslim relations (Stockholm); a conference *The Arab-European Citizens' Dialogue: Peaceful Coexistence* (Cairo); *The Oikosnet-Europe* annual conference (Agape centro ecumenico, Italy) and many others.

St. Andrew's rector was actively involved in the work of the board of *The European Christian Convention*.

Publishing Program

St. Andrew's is a recognized leader in academic theological publishing in Russian and our books are in demand at Orthodox, Catholic and Protestant seminaries, university theology departments and, most important, in the secular market. In 2019 we published 16 volumes including:

- *A Course in Christian Mysticism* by Thomas Merton
- *The Glory of the Lord. A Theological Aesthetics, v. I: Seeing the Form* by Hans Urs von Balthasar
- *Revelation of Love. Trinitarian Truth of Being* by Oleg Davydov
- *Religious Consciousness and Reform of the Church. Reformation in the Ecumenical Perspective* by Alexei Bodrov and Mikhail Tolstoluzhenko, Eds.
- *The Gospel of John and The Acts of the Apostles. Theological Exegetical Commentary* by Iannuary Ivliev
- *Polyphony of Orthodox Theology in the West in 20th Century* by Ivana Noble, Tim Noble, Kateřina Bauerová and Parush Parushev
- *The Creation and The Victory of Love* by Adrienne von Speyr
- *Commissioned by Christ: A Biblical Plea for the Ordination of Women* by Wilfried Härle

And we also reprinted quite a number of our older titles, many of which became classics.

Our participation in international book exhibitions in Frankfurt and Moscow helps us to develop cooperation with leading publishers and book distributors worldwide. And we maintain our special book distribution projects to theological, university and regional libraries and to theological graduates – though at a reduced scale this year.