

**Yes, I'd like to attend the CTNS 25th Anniversary events on Saturday, September 16.**

- Commemorating 25 years of Excellence, 2:00 pm
- Festschrift Celebration and Reception, 4:30 pm
- Gala Banquet and Program, 6:00 pm. (\$80 per person; \$50 full-time GTU/UC Student /Faculty)

Guest Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Chicken menu  Vegetarian menu

I'm enclosing a check for the dinner of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I'd like to pay by Visa or MasterCard.

Account number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration date: \_\_\_\_\_

Security number on back of card \_\_\_\_\_  
(Dinner passes will be mailed to you)

Yes, I want to ensure the next 25 years with a tax-deductible gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If paid by credit card, you may fax your RSVP to CTNS at 510-848-2535.

**The CTNS 25th Anniversary Celebration  
Saturday, September 16, 2006**

**2:00 pm**, Commemorate 25 Years of Excellence  
Reflecting on the founding, history and achievements of CTNS in photographs, and live presentations.

**4:30 pm, Festschrift Celebration** — *God's Action in Nature's World: Essays in Honor of Robert John Russell* (Ashgate)

Wine & Hors' doeuvres Reception  
Moderated by co-editors, Ted Peters and Nathan Hallanger

**Book Celebration** — *Cosmology, Evolution and Resurrection Hope: Theology and Science in Creative Mutual Interaction* by Robert John Russell (Pandora Press).

The GTU Dinner Board Room, GTU Library  
2400 Ridge Road, Berkeley

**6:00 pm, Gala Dinner** and Announcement of The Ian G. Barbour Chair in Theology and Science  
D'Autremont Hall, Pacific School of Religion — GTU  
(Advanced reservation required)

**Seating limited, RSVP by September 8th.**

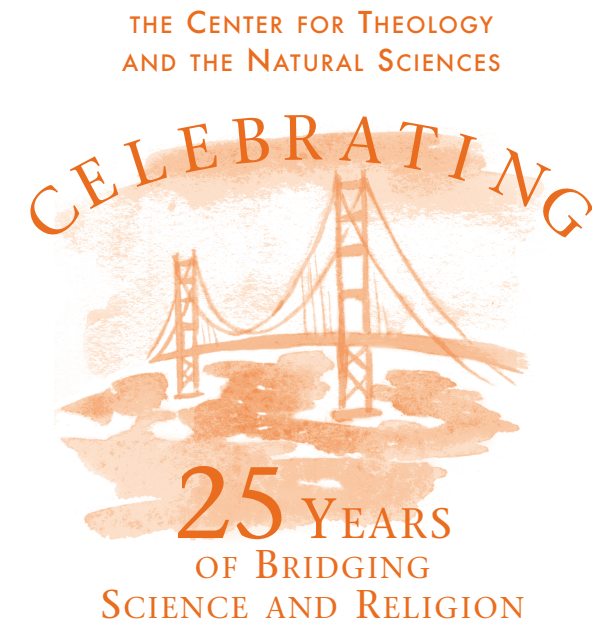
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**Other 25th Anniversary Celebration Events**

Plan also to attend the 2006 J. K. Russell Research Fellowship Lecture on September 14 and the day-long Research Conference on "Assessing The Case(s) for Theistic Evolution" September 15, 2006. Information and registration details can be found at [www.ctns.org/news.html](http://www.ctns.org/news.html) or call CTNS at 510-848-8152

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When CTNS began in 1981 only a handful of scholars were working to encourage a dialogue between these two disciplines. But now 25 years later, this conversation between science and religion is flowing in both directions.

JOIN US AS WE REFLECT, ENVISION AND  
PLAN FOR 25 MORE YEARS.

SEPTEMBER 16, 2006  
GRADUATE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

*“We can no longer afford the stalemate of past centuries between theology and science, for this leaves nature Godless and religion worldless.”* —Robert John Russell, Founder, CTNS

## THE CTNS PURPOSE

For the past 25 years, CTNS has endeavored to bridge the divide through its mission to promote the creative mutual interaction between theology and the natural sciences — an interaction which honors and respects the integrity of each partner. Through its dedication to teaching, research and public service, CTNS has succeeded in this mission, esteemed as “the leading center in science and religion worldwide.”

### Teaching – 25 years of service to GTU and the world.

The CTNS teaching program sponsors Robert John Russell as Professor of Theology and Science in Residence at the Graduate Theological Union (GTU). The Center has supported his M.Div, and Ph.D course offerings along with his M.A. and Ph.D thesis committee support.

Since 2004, each year CTNS has awarded fellowships to two GTU doctoral students in science and religion who reflect outstanding academic work.

Sponsored teaching programs, such as the three-year Science and Religion Course program, funded by the John Templeton Foundation, offered key workshops for professors and sponsored nearly 300 courses at colleges, universities or seminaries worldwide.

### Research – 25 years of scholarship with integrity

**CTNS** is committed to drawing theologians, religious scholars, ethicists, philosophers, and historians into conversation with natural scientists. Through this interaction, CTNS strives to foster a legacy of mutually enriching scholarship that will continue to serve as a foundation for science-religion dialogue. Over its twenty-five year history, CTNS has engaged in some of the most respected and well-known research on the relationship between the natural sciences and theology. Key research accomplishments include:

- The annual J. K. Russell Fellowship in Religion and Science that has enabled senior scholars in the field of theology and the natural sciences to visit the Graduate Theological Union and CTNS and to conduct research, teach courses, and present public lectures.
- The ten-year collaborative research project with the Vatican Observatory, funded by a local foundation, engaged an international team of more than 25 scholars who studied a variety of topics that related the theological concept of divine action to contemporary scientific theory. Five research-level books (plus an inaugural edition) from the first five international conferences have been co-published with the Vatican Observatory and are often used in graduate-level courses.
- The National Institutes of Health funded a major research program at CTNS, entitled *The Theological and Ethical Implications of the Human Genome Initiative*, the only NIH grant awarded to a theological organization.

- A recent four-year program, *Science and Transcendence Advanced Research Series* (STARS), funded by the John Templeton Foundation, will provide the means for interdisciplinary teams to research the ways in which science, in light of philosophical and theological reflection, points towards the nature, character and meaning of ultimate reality.
- The CTNS peer-reviewed journal, *Theology and Science* and previously, *The CTNS Bulletin*, offered scholarly articles and book reviews by outstanding researchers.
- Numerous published books written by CTNS faculty are used in upper division and graduate level courses. Some books are now used worldwide because of the various non-English translations available.

### Public Service – Expanding the Reach Community-wide since 1981.

The Center has offered resources and services to both its members and the local community in a manner where many may participate. Since the onset of the internet age, CTNS has been a front-runner in offering educational articles on its website at no cost to the viewer.

Semester after semester, CTNS has offered public forum lectures to the Bay Area community at no cost to the attendee.

### An Early Vision

*“...the vision was for a center that would engage scholars with clear confessional grounding yet committed to a thoroughly ecumenical and inter-religious dialogue.”*

Outstanding authors and scholars from around the world have participated and the annual J. K. Russell Fellow traditionally offers a public lecture during their stay in Berkeley.

CTNS faculty and graduate students offer presentations to local church groups and organizations.

On-line resources in the form of searchable articles written on various topics have been available on the CTNS website for over ten years. The website offers numerous media clips from CTNS workshops and conferences and the site hosts the chapter summaries of the five-volume CTNS-Vatican Observatory series. CTNS has offered a Bibliography for many years, and more recently has supported the translation of 60 articles from the *Interdisciplinary Encyclopaedia of Religion and Science* into English from Italian.



*“ ... the call which had grown in me for decades could no longer be suppressed: the call to create something truly new, a call to create a center that would move*

*the religious and scientific communities beyond the sterile choice of either conflict or isolation that so dominates and suppresses both communities today, into a mutually respectful, constructive and critical dialogue between science and theology for the benefit of both, and for their mutual service to the world.”*

—Excerpt from the autobiography of Robert John Russell