



Calvin and World Christianity

加爾文與世界基督教



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摘要

儘管約翰加爾文對於跨文化的宣教並沒有顯示多大的興趣，但是他所幫助過的諸多教會對於世界基督教的發展卻有重要的影響力。加爾文派的教會漸漸從本來是一個歐洲改革的運動，茁壯為一個跨越大西洋的新教運動，並於十九與二十世紀間，建立他們自己成為遍佈於世界中居少數的基督教運動。今日，加爾文派的教會一方面透過重要的普世教會組織像是「世界歸正教會聯盟」彼此聯合，同時也透過社會改造帶來了他們對其他教會的影響力。

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Abstract

While John Calvin himself showed little interest in cross-cultural mission, the churches he helped inspire have become a major influence on world Christianity. The Calvinist churches grew from a European reform movement, to a trans-Atlantic Protestant movement, and, in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, have established themselves as a minority Christian movement throughout the world. Today the Calvinist churches are connected through major ecumenical bodies such as the World Alliance of Reformed Churches, but also exert an impact through social change and through influence on other churches.

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