

**TRIBUTE: Professor George Hunsinger
Named Recipient of 2010 Karl Barth Prize**

On 17 June 2010, the Union of Protestant Churches (UEK) in the Evangelical Church of Germany announced Professor George Hunsinger as the recipient of the 2010 Karl Barth Prize, an award in recognition of exceptional theological scholarship and ecclesial witness exemplifying the spirit of Karl Barth's own work and witness. In the announcement, the UEK praises Professor Hunsinger for his "exemplary theological thinking, for his political testimony and his ecclesial teaching in the sense of a truly 'generous orthodoxy,' a world-oriented interpretation and practice of Church Dogmatics."

Professor Hunsinger is an international authority on Barth's theology, and his books are regarded as essential reading for students of the Basel master. Hunsinger, who is a member of the editorial board for *Participatio: The Journal of the Thomas F. Torrance Theological Fellowship*, was acclaimed by Torrance himself as "one of the ablest and most perceptive theologians in the world and the finest theologian of his generation in the United States."

Professor Hunsinger has also worked assiduously for the cause of ecumenical theology, negotiating unity through appeal to the shared Nicene heritage of the Christian churches. His commitment to the life of the ecclesial community is also reflected in his contribution to the crafting of the new Presbyterian catechism. In recognising Professor Hunsinger's achievements, the UEK highlighted his steadfast political testimony and action. For Professor Hunsinger, political action flows from theological commitment.

