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Dear Friend of the Zygon Center,

This spring the Zygon Center for Religion and Science celebrates several projects designed to nurture the next generation of religion and science leaders. In February, we hosted our sixth student symposium. Papers engaged questions about topics including technology, neuroscience, *imago dei* and dementia, virgin birth, the significance of place, and religious naturalism. We explored connections for public theology, pastoral care, and scientific advances. The interdisciplinary research was an encouraging window into the creativity of student scholars from around the world.

The Zygon Center is nurturing the next generation of church leaders, as well. With the support of a curriculum grant from the John Templeton Foundation, we have created nearly 20 learning modules in religion and science, including six modules for more than half of the required courses of the Masters of Divinity degree. In so doing, the next generation of church leaders are being provided with tools for thinking theologically about science and technology, leadership skills for recognizing and nurturing scientific vocations, and experiences with integrating religion and science for better pastoral care. The project was featured in a recent issue of *The Christian Century* on theological education (February 18, 2015).

These projects continue the Zygon Center's long tradition of nurturing the next generation of religion and science leaders through courses and public lecture series, like the Epic of Creation and the Advanced Seminar in Religion and Science. This year's highlights include many outstanding lectures and a visit to Argonne National Laboratory. Watch for details about the Fall 2015 Advanced Seminar in Religion and Science on "Teleology, Process, and Purpose" in our e-newsletter and at our website—zygoncenter.org.

The Zygon Center builds up the capacities of next generation scholars and church leaders to engage in the "yoking" of science and religion for the sake of the world. I ask for your financial support to allow us to continue to increase our ability to nurture the next generation of leaders. Your donation will allow us to make religion and science learning modules a permanent feature of the seminary curriculum and will provide necessary support for the success of our ongoing programs.

Please donate online by following the secure link found with the bright blue button at the bottom of our donation webpage: zygoncenter.org/donate/ or by returning a check with the enclosed donation form and envelope. Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

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