

# The Hodges Foundation for Philosophical Orientation



A new philosophy foundation is being established in Nashville, Tennessee, *The Hodges Foundation for Philosophical Orientation*. The foundation is based on Werner Stegmaier's philosophy of orientation, which provides a new philosophy that investigates the conditions and structures of our everyday human orientation. In all situations of life, the very first thing one does is orient oneself. Orientation appears simple, but is very complex, and it has to cope with an increasingly complex world. In most cases, we have to orient ourselves under the conditions of uncertainty and the pressure of time and make decisions which always allow for alternative actions entailing unforeseeable consequences. This is our everyday risk in living. But for the most part, we are able to successfully cope with such situations and decisions in our orientation, both as individuals and as societies. How do we master this? The problem of orientation is as old as humankind and the word is currently used everywhere. The book *What is Orientation? A Philosophical Investigation* explains the basic solutions to the problem. *The Hodges Foundation for Philosophical Orientation* will promote philosophy as a reflection of orientation decisions from practical and theoretical points of view. It is neither for making profit nor for following any political or religious aims, but to promote the philosophy of orientation in academia and among the general public by offering scholarships, publishing research, awarding academic prizes as well as by hosting conferences, lecture series, and summer schools. We strive to make it a highlight in philosophical practice.

## INAUGURATION SPEECHES

Mike Hodges  
My Philosophy, My Foundation

Prof. Werner Stegmaier  
Orient yourself! Living a Philosophy

Prof. Claudia Welz,  
From Confusion to Clarity: Paradoxes of Orientation as  
Courageous Beginnings

Reinhard G. Mueller  
The Aims and Plans of the Hodges Foundation for  
Philosophical Orientation