



# AUSTRALIAN COLLEGE OF THEOLOGY

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Dear Members of the ACT Limited,

This is the fourth time I have written to members in the last 12 months. My intention is to provide information every quarter about recent developments in the College and forthcoming events.

I am attaching the profit and loss statement and the balance sheet as at 31 December. Please note that the ACT is showing an un-audited surplus of just under \$144,000. Much of this excellent result can be attributed to very healthy 2009 enrolment figures, which were almost 10% higher than we had anticipated 12 months ago. ACT expenses also came in under the budget. The auditor will now produce the official 2009 financial statements in time for the AGM. The AGM will be held at 4 pm on Tuesday 4 May at the Crowne Plaza, Darling Harbour (Day Street, just a block down the hill from the ACT office).

From this January the office has employed Dick Audley, a former officer with the NSW Department of Education and Training, as a casual (0.3). Dick's main task will be to act as the Executive Officer of the Academic Quality Committee and the Academic Board. Dick may need to return to his current position at UTS at about Easter time, but we are hoping that he will be free to continue with us.

During the last few weeks the ACT's Conference Room has been divided in two to make way for three work stations for ACT staff and a smaller board room. Larger committee meetings, of which there are five or six each year, will be held off-site nearby in the CBD.

The ACT office submitted an application for self-accrediting authority to the NSW Department of Education and Training in October 2009. The Assessment Panel is likely to meet in February. This year a Re-accreditation Review Panel will be convened ready for the five-yearly re-accreditation process to commence in 2011.

It is with regret that I announce that Peter Adam, the Principal of Ridley Melbourne, who was elected as a Director at the 2008 AGM, has resigned, his resignation taking effect from 31 December 2009. Peter had been a member of the Board of Delegates since 2002 and has made an outstanding contribution to the Board as a theologian who continues to play an important role as a shaper of Australian theological education and as a researcher. As anticipated in my October newsletter, Leigh Mackay's resignation also took effect from 31 December. She was elected at the 2008 AGM. She brought to the Board eminent legal skills and sound commercial business expertise. Her incisive mind greatly helped the Board grapple with the challenges of its reformed corporate and academic governance structures. The Board of Director's first meeting for 2010 will be held on Monday 15 March.

I am pleased to announce that on Australia Day Dr Bill Andersen, who was a long time member of the ACT's Research Committee and the Rev Dr Geoff Glasscock, the chair of our Ethics Committee, were both appointed Member (AM) of the Order of Australia. Hearty congratulations to both!

Yours sincerely,

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Dean & CEO

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