



AUSTRALIAN COLLEGE OF THEOLOGY

13 October 2010

Dear Members of the ACT Limited,

This is the fourth time I have written to you in 2010 about recent developments in the College and forthcoming events, and to provide up to date quarterly financial information.

1. Self-accreditation.

ACT office staff and I are pressing on with the task of implementing the administrative requirements that follow from the granting of self-accrediting authority for the College.

2. New Office Appointment.

Thelma Lyell commenced duties as Office Administrator in September.

3. New Members of the ACT Ltd.

The tri-ennial General Synod of the Anglican Church of Australia met from 18-23 September at Melbourne Grammar School. I was present for the Synod service and reception at St Paul's Cathedral on Sunday evening and as an observer for most of the business session on the Monday. The election by the House of Bishops of the 21 members in category B of members of the College took place on Tuesday 21 September.

There were 21 nominees for the positions, so an election was not required. Of the current members in that category all but five were nominated. These were James McPherson, Judith Hancock and Narelle Jarrett, Ivan Head, and Denise Cooper-Clarke. New members of the company are Peter Bolt (Moore College), Justin Denholm (Director of the Centre of Applied Christian Ethics at Ridley Melbourne), and Andrew West (Reporter, Sydney Morning Herald). Mark Thompson and Lindsay Wilson, who formerly were members in category D, were appointed in category B.

The members in category B are:

- Bruce Kaye, Garth Blake, Vanessa Bennett, Peter Bolt, Ann Young, Glenn Davies, Philip Bradford, Sue Hooke, Janet West, Andrew West, Mark Thompson, Ken Wade—NSW.
- Bill Ray, Marian Free, Jonathan Holland—Queensland.
- Philip Freier, Justin Denholm, Paul White, Lindsay Wilson, David Powys, Colleen O'Reilly—Victoria.

New members have been invited to sign Deeds of Guarantee.

Now that the election has taken place, the office will begin the task of calling for nominations from existing members for the 10 graduates in categories D and E.

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4. New Departmental Head—Bible and Languages.

Ian Smith has been the Head of this Department since 2004. When he became the successor to John Davies as Principal of the Presbyterian Theological Centre he informed me that he would be resigning from the end of 2010. I am pleased to announce that Alan Mugridge (BA, DipEd, DipArts [Th], BD [Hons], ThSchol, MTh, GradDipHum, BA [Hons], PhD) has agreed to serve as his successor for the five year period 2011-2015. He earned his doctorate from UNE in 2010 for a thesis on the practices of early NT manuscript scribes. He has been lecturing at SMBC since 1992. He was previously at St Philip's Theological School in Tanzania from 1985-1992. He graduated from Moore College in 1982. He served as the Languages moderator from 2000-2008.

5. Student Enrolments.

The Board of Directors is very pleased with enrolments this year. Equivalent full-time (EFT) student numbers are about 6% in advance of what they were this time 12 months ago. This follows a very healthy increase in EFT in 2009. Colleges are working creatively to market themselves and to attract and retain high quality students. All colleges understand their mission as equipping people for ministry.

6. New Testamurs.

The Board of Directors has approved the wording to be printed on a set of new ACT testamurs which will be designed for the 2011 academic year.

7. Financial Statements.

I am attaching the September financial statements. Please note that there are two balance sheets this time. One is a summary. This is the first time we have formatted the Balance Sheet this way. From now on we will make the Balance Sheet available in this format rather than the more expanded format we have been sending to you. Furthermore, please be advised that there will be some adjustments on the December Profit & Loss statement to a number of classifications as the Finance Officer and I consider where best some expenditure items should best be classified. The Finance Officer and I are happy to respond to any questions you may have about the statements.

Yours sincerely,



The Rev Dr Mark Harding
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