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EMAIL CIRCULAR TO MEMBERS, JANUARY 22nd 2009

Dear ANZATS colleagues,

A number of items have come up in December - January, during which time I trust that you and your staff have been able to have some re-creation for the year ahead, especially those beginning as teachers of theology.

First, the Executive met on Monday January 20th, and has set in place plans for the Principals' Conference, held over from 2008. The theme (as suggested earlier by Principals and the Council) will be "Managing Theological Education: finance and compliance" and we are inviting both an overseas speaker, and a range of local people with skills in these areas, and allowing time for principals to confer together in confidence. The dates will be Monday October 5 (dinner) to 5pm Wednesday October 7, though these may move to the preceding week if speakers are unavailable. The place will be in Sydney, with a view to keeping costs as low as is reasonable. Please note this time in your diary.

Secondly, as you know the Bradley Review of Higher Education was released in December, and Dr Mark Harding prepared a briefing for ACT colleges which the Executive believes is worth sharing - it is attached, and will be added to the ANZATS website.

Thirdly, the Executive also gave time to a thorough review of the ANZATS Constitution, with a view to moving towards incorporation (as agreed by the 2008 AGM). A draft has been prepared for consideration by a lawyer in sufficient time for it to be on the agenda for the 2009 AGM - members will have three months' notice to consider it.

Fourthly, I again draw to your attention the July conference, on the theme of the Holy Spirit - full details are available from the ANZATS website, and registration forms will shortly be available. Please encourage faculty and research students to participate: as in previous years, two student scholarships will be offered.

Finally, I am glad to say that late last week my oncologist told me that my CT scan shows that I am now clear of cancer, though there will be another scan in a year's time. I am also glad to report that my energy levels are improving, though it will be some months before I will be fully recovered. Thanks for the many expressions of concern, and for prayers offered: I am deeply grateful for these, as tangible signs of the workings of divine providence in the detection and treatment of the cancer.

In Christian service,

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