

Newsletter – Term 3, 2015

This is the first newsletter to have come out for some little time. I am hoping that in future one will be produced each term to help keep you abreast of what is happening in ANZATS and its associated Member Institutions, give you news on Members themselves, and update you on what is happening in the Australian and New Zealand theological sectors generally. I anticipate that future numbers will have a more professional layout.

A Table of contents appears on the following page. By far the largest item is the regional news from around the states on our Member Institutions. At the annual Council Meeting regional reports are presented but their contents are generally seen by members of Council only. What I have included is an abridged version of those reports.

It was heartening to have two new Member Institutions join us in 2014:

The Centre for the History of Christian Thought and Experience grew out of the Centre for the Study of Australian Christianity, established in 1991 at Robert Menzies College. In 2005 it was transferred to the Department of Ancient History at Macquarie University allowing its students to inquire more fully into the philosophical and cultural origins of modern Christian thought and practice.

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Sunshine Coast Theological College is situated at Buderim, Queensland. All courses offered by SCTC are provided on behalf of the Australian College of Theology. The Diploma of Theology (DipTh) and the Diploma of Ministry (DipMin) provide an introduction to Biblical Studies, Theology and Ministry that prepares students for youth ministry, chaplaincy and missionary service.

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I would be grateful to receive any news or information that may be of interest to our members for inclusions in the next newsletter.

With every good wish



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Executive Officer

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A Changing of the Guard



Our retiring President (right) greets the incoming President (left)

In June the Reverend Professor Gerard Kelly stepped down as President of ANZATS, a post that he has held with distinction for over four years. Much has been advanced in that time and the Association will be for ever grateful for the skills and drive that he brought to that position. It has been a time for both consolidation and responding to new challenges. The higher education sector continues to evolve quite rapidly, but under Gerard's direction ANZATS has been able to respond to those changes where they related to our purpose.

Associate Professor Robert McIver (Discipline of Ministry and Theology, Avondale College of Higher Education) was elected to replace Gerard. He has already previously served a four-year term as President. He has wide research interests and has published in scholarly journals as diverse as *New Testament Studies* and the *Monash Bioethics Review*, as well as more popular oriented journals such as *Signs of the Times* and *Adventist Review*. Robert's goal in the classroom is to communicate the excitement of seriously studying the Bible. As well as being one of the longest-standing members of ANZATS he is a Member of the Society for Biblical Literature (1985-) and the Society for the Study of Early Christianity (1989-).

Another Successful Conference

The theme for this year's ANZATS Conference, hosted by the Sydney College of Divinity, was "A Life Worth Living". The keynote speaker was Dr Scott Stephens, the Online Editor of Religion and Ethics for the ABC, who is best known for the critically acclaimed "Life's Big Questions" on ABC TV and who has guest-presented with Richard Fidler on ABC radio. His three keynote addresses were titled:

- The Kingdom of the Popular Soul: How Truth became Opinion, and Opinion became Fashionable;
- The Man in the Glass Box: How Evil became Transfixing, and Cynicism became a Virtue; and,
- The Sterility of Experience: How Beauty Lost its Smell, and We Lost Touch with Reality.

In all there were over 50 papers presented. There were specialist opportunities, such as those on Karl Barth, as well as papers on a wide range of topics on Old Testament, Jesus and the Gospels, the apostle Paul, the Early Church, history, theology, practical theology, ethics, ecumenism, mission and education.

As well as the high calibre of the speakers, much of the success of the three days is due to the indefatigable efforts of Dr Steve Smith and the ACOM team, the conference committee, the Office of the Dean of the SCD, and Professor Jim Harrison, the Conference Convenor.

Regional News from the around the States

New South Wales

Alphacrucis College

Courses:

Most notable in this area is that AC has recently received TEQSA approval to offer its own MPhil and PhD. These awards will commence in 2nd Semester 2015.

AC has also been approved to deliver its new MA and MTh courses in Korean LOTE.

Locations:

At the beginning of 2015 AC opened a new Campus in Perth.

AC also received approval from TEQSA for an offshore, third-party delivery partnership with Iso Kirja College in Keuruu, Finland. Iso Kirja (IK) has been around since 1952 and is the only Pentecostal College in Finland. AC is partnering with IK to deliver several Bachelor and Masters level awards.

Finally, AC is also offering a selection of its postgraduate awards through Alphacrucis College in Auckland, NZ. Whereas ACNZ is accredited by NZQA for undergraduate awards, the postgraduate awards being offered are Australian accredited awards.

Personnel:

The most significant change in 2014/2015 was that Associate Professor Jacqui Grey, after many years of exemplary service, relinquished her role as Academic Dean to pursue a missionary calling to Turkey. Dr David Perry replaced her in this role.

Other key academic appointments included Associate Professor Philip Lee in the area of Accounting and Finance, and Dr Robyn Wrigley-Carr as Senior Lecturer in Theology and MA Program Director.

AC is currently interviewing for a Director of L&T with an appointment expected shortly.

Australian College of Theology

About 50% of ACT EFT is enrolled through five Sydney-based affiliated colleges (2015). This figure has trended down from 55% in 2008.

(1) Christ College is the new name for the Presbyterian Theological Centre, Burwood. In 2013 the College redeveloped its campus, including a two storey library, on the corner of Shaftesbury Road and Clarence Street, Burwood. The campus was opened in February 2014. Christ College is also delivering ACT courses in Mandarin in addition to its delivery of ACT courses in English. The College enrolls about 110 EFT. The College hosted the annual ACT Consortium Conference on 19-20 June 2015.

(2) Mary Andrews College continues to deliver ACT undergraduate diplomas to women, often to women who have had little formal education since leaving school, and maintains a commitment to training women for pastoral care roles in churches in the Diocese of Sydney. MAC is a department of the Anglican Deaconess Institute. The College EFT enrolled in ACT courses (all at AQF level 5 and 6) increased by 30% this year to about 30 EFT.

(3) Morling College is the ACT's largest affiliated college enrolling about 235 EFT in ACT courses. The College is in the midst of a major development of its North Ryde site. Morling provides courses in Christian Education and Counselling. Morling has a longstanding commitment to delivery in both on-campus and off-campus mode.

(4) Sydney Missionary and Bible College is the second largest affiliated college of the ACT, enrolling about 230 EFT in ACT courses. It continues to offer married and single accommodation at its site in Croydon. This year it has inaugurated a Gap Year program. It has also commenced a research program, attracting 8 MTh students in its first year. The College has just been approved to deliver the PhD and the ThD of the ACT.

(5) Youthworks College is a department of Anglican Youthworks in the Diocese of Sydney. The College enrolls the youngest cohort of students of any ACT affiliate, with a high proportion of school leavers. The College specialises in preparing people for youth ministry. The College was founded in 1999, and has been very successful in carving out a market in Sydney and beyond. The governing body appointed the Rev Dr Bill Salier as the College's third principal at the end of 2014. It enrolls about 120 EFT in ACT courses.

Avondale College

Avondale College of Higher Education has reached a milestone in its history by being awarded self-accrediting status by TEQSA. According to Professor Nick Saunders, Acting Chief Commissioner, "TEQSA looked for evidence of proven experience, a history of low risk and most importantly, strong academic governance and the ability to self-assure critical higher education processes." Avondale's internal processes now need to be at least as robust as that of a university.

In light of this new era in Avondale's history the College has also undergone significant re-structure. The College now has two faculties –the Faculty of Education, Business and Science and the Faculty of Arts, Nursing and Theology. The Theology department has been re-named the Avondale Seminary.

Academic challenges include accreditation processes for the BMinTh, which includes the BTh and Associate degree in Theological Studies. The graduate diploma is also coming up for accreditation. We have responded to the External Advisory's recommendations by paying attention to learning outcomes, ensuring better progression between 100, 200 and 300 level units and re-assessing the honours program.

There have been staff movements as well. Dr Barry Gane has taken long-service leave and then heading into retirement. We will miss his spiritual leadership. Dr Ross Cole has taken early retirement and we will miss his institutional knowledge and quick wit. Dr David Tasker has replaced Dr Cole. Dr Tasker brings a wealth of international experience in research, teaching and administration. Dr Wendy Jackson has submitted

her dissertation to Andrews University for her PhD in systematic theology. Dr Kayle de Waal is the new Head of Avondale Seminary and Dr Wendy Jackson is the new Course convenor.

Sydney College of Divinity

SCD is pleased that the Broken Bay Institute has recently re-joined it as a member Institution, after five years in partnership with the University of Newcastle, with whom a teach-out arrangement is now in place.

Emmaus Bible College continues to deliver SCD's postgraduate coursework but has enrolled all new undergraduates in the awards of the Australian College of Christian Studies, teaching out the current SCD undergraduates.

Enrolments are trending slightly upwards. The most substantial EFTSL is in the Korean School of Theology, the Australian College of Ministries, and the Catholic Institute of Sydney.

In the latter part of 2014 SCD commissioned an External Academic Governance Review from Prof. Anne Cusick and has since then been engaged in the implementation of various suggestions for streamlining our academic governance processes, in line mainly with the Cusick report and partly with prior Strategic Planning initiatives. One end result is fewer committees of Academic Board.

Office:

At the end of 2014 we welcomed Mrs (Lt-Col.) Kerry Haggard as Chief Operating Officer, on secondment from the Salvation Army. In February, we welcomed Dr Evelyn Hibbert as Academic Director. Evelyn's expertise is in Education.

Faculty Research:

The Professional Activities and Research Report for 2013 are available on the SCD website. The Report for 2014 will be on the website shortly.

SCD Annual Lecture:

The SCD Annual Lecture was given on 29 April by ANZATS veteran Professor Paul Trebilco, from the University of Otago, on *Early Jewish Communities in Asia Minor and the Early Christian Movement*.

SCD Special Lecture:

Starting this year, a Special Lecture has been instituted for second semester. The first will be given on 25 August by former SCD BTh (Hons) prize-winner Dr Julien Ogereau, on *Paul and the Imperial Authorities at Philippi: Reading Paul against the Epigraphic Evidence of the colonia Iulia Augusta Philippensis*. Julien is currently Research Assistant at Humboldt University, Berlin.

Main Conferences within SCD for 2015:

On 29-30 January, the SCD Korean School of Theology hosted the first Joint Theological Symposium of a planned biennial series with Soongsil University for the advancement of scholarship in both institutions, on 'The Contribution of Theology to Korean Christian Society'.

On 21 April 2015, St Andrew's Greek Orthodox Theological College held a public seminar on the theme 'Dreaming in the Ascetic and Philosophical Traditions of Late Antiquity'.

On 9-10 October, St Andrew's Greek Orthodox Theological College will hold its Inaugural Biennial Theology Symposium. The theme is: *The Earth is the Lord's: Environmental Theology and Ethics*. The keynote speaker is Dr John Chryssavgis, currently Theological Advisor to the Ecumenical Patriarch on Environmental Issues, former Sub-Dean of St Andrew's.

University of Notre Dame Australia

The College of Philosophy and Theology at the University of Notre Dame Australia operates on three main campuses; Fremantle, Sydney, and Broome.

The College offers the following key units and courses in theology to students:

- The core curriculum programme undertaken by all undergraduate students at the university – with about 3,000 student enrolments each year
- PT500 – Reason and Revelation: a postgraduate core curriculum unit
- Bachelor of Theology and Bachelor of Theology (Honours). On the Fremantle campus this course is primarily undertaken by local seminarians. On the Sydney campus this course is primarily undertaken by young laypersons keen to work for the Church or develop their knowledge of their faith. The Bachelor of Theology has about 60 students enrolled in it.
- Graduate Certificate in Religious Education. This four unit course is run on the Sydney campus as an entry level course in theology for teachers in Catholic Schools. There are approximately 100 students enrolled in this course
- Master of Arts (Theology). This is a two year course in theology with a substantial research component. There are approximately 160 students enrolled in this course.

Northern Territory

Nungalinya College

This is still the only theological College accredited in the Northern Territory and is continuing to operate within the Vocational Education Sector. The College successfully passed its ASQA audit at the end of last year and is teaching 5 courses to approximately 300 students this year. There are continuing challenges associated with working with Indigenous people from remote communities and the difficulties they face, changes to government funding and increasing regulation, as well as the increased costs of operating the College which most colleges would be facing.

The College is a partnership between the Anglican, Catholic and Uniting Churches offering training for Indigenous Christians in the Northern Territory and beyond. Student numbers and course offerings have been increasing over the past three years.

Courses:

This year there are 5 courses on offer:

- Foundation Studies – Certificate I in Education and Skills Development
- Certificate II in Media and Discipleship (Creative Industries)
- Certificate II in Music
- Certificate III in Theology and Ministry
- Certificate IV in Theology and Ministry

Staff:

Currently there are 7 full-time teaching staff and 5 part-time including three who work full-time but have other duties as part of their load (such as the Principal). There are also five Indigenous Assistant Teachers. The Indigenous Assistant teaching programme is designed to try to grow future Indigenous teachers.

Government Funding:

The College is dependent on government funding, particular to cover the costs of travel and accommodation for the students. All federal Indigenous funding has now been amalgamated into the Indigenous Advancement Strategy, and it certainly appears there has been a reduction in the total funding available.

Another implication of this is that those in receipt of over \$500,000 in funding are required to become either an Indigenous Corporation under ORIC (Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations), or incorporated under the Federal Corporations Act.

Conclusion:

While there are always substantial challenges for a college like Nungalinga, it has been immensely encouraging to see the achievements of our students. The high number of graduates last year was particularly pleasing and it is anticipated that there will be the same this year. Partnership with the churches is strengthening, and the college is exploring ways to allow for non-accredited formation to occur while students are attending their intensives in Darwin.

Queensland

The Queensland colleges have all continued to grow and develop well during the last year. The Brisbane ANZATS gatherings have also grown, with two well attended seminars in 2014 and two more held in the first half of this year, with a third planned for September. About 35 faculty attended each of the seminars. In 2014 Brisbane ANZATS Faculty Seminar was held with Les Ball on Friday 7 March. On 22 August 2014 an ANZATS Faculty Seminar was held at Malyon College with Ian Hussey speaking on Transformation in Theology and Online Learning. The ANZTLA Librarians spoke on "Learning & teaching online experiences" and OLE at Trinity Theological Library, Trinity College and LEO at MacAuley Library, ACU. In 2015 a seminar on Doing Theology Down Under was held with Raymond Nobbs on March 6. A Brisbane Symposium on Transforming Theological Education was held with Perry Shaw. A seminar on Assessment in Theological Education with Charles de Jongh is planned for 11 September. The Brisbane ANZATS web site was set up two years ago at <http://brisbaneanzats.org/> as a resource for the theological schools of South East Queensland.

St Francis Anglican Theological College, Brisbane

At the end of 2014, St Francis Anglican Theological College completed five years of partnership with St Mark's National Theological Centre, Canberra. That includes one year (2009) when SFC continued to offer degrees through the Brisbane College of Theology.

Academic Programs:

During 2014 the academic programs at SFC continued to focus on the Bachelor of Theology and Graduate Diploma of Theology, with small enrolments in postgraduate and research higher degrees. From the beginning of 2014, SFC offered the Graduate Diploma of Religious and Values Education and the Master of Arts (Religious and Values Education) by distance education mode. An international studies program that has been built around the annual archaeological excavations at Bethsaida in Israel has seen a significant expansion in 2014. In addition to academic credit for the dig, we have secured approval for the two week "Palestine of Jesus" course at St George's College Jerusalem to count for academic credit. This also gives eligible students access to financial assistance (OS-HELP) to cover the costs. This program has proved to be a transformative experience for SFC students, and we are delighted to be able to support the mission of St George's College as well.

Research and Publications:

Students and Faculty of the College meet several times each academic session for the SFC Research Seminar series, and we are beginning to attract both participants and presenters from other institutions to these seminars. The number of staff publications has increased considerably.

Enrolments:

SFC comprises a substantial proportion of the total CSU School of Theology enrolment. In most BTh & GDipTh subjects, the largest on-campus class is to be found at SFC, and in some cases the vast majority of enrolments are with SFC.

ACU School of Theology

The School offers undergraduate Theology programs on our campuses in Melbourne (Fitzroy), Sydney (Strathfield) and Brisbane (Banyo). It offers a range of postgraduate coursework programs that are available nationally. Areas of particular strength are biblical studies, systematic theology (contemporary Christian thought), moral theology, early Christian studies, philosophy of religion, inter-religious dialogue, moral philosophy and ethics. Studies in Brisbane are conducted on the Brisbane Campus ACU (McAuley at Banyo) which has more than 3200 students, including over 270 international students. The Brisbane Campus (McAuley at Banyo) commenced in 2003, replacing the former Brisbane Campus at Mitchelton. The 40-hectare site was formerly the Pius XII Provincial Seminary, with a history extending back to 1863. The Faculty's peer-reviewed open access journal Australian eJournal of Theology (AEJT) is produced under the direction of an Editorial Board which includes esteemed international scholars.

Trinity Theological College

The College is the ministerial and theological training college of the Queensland Synod of the Uniting Church in Australia, is an affiliated college of Australian Catholic University and its students also undertake ACU courses. This College will be responsible for preparing men and women as Ministers of the Word and Deacons in the Uniting Church in Australia together with providing a range of tertiary level courses open to anyone who is interested in equipping themselves for their role in the mission of the church.

Following the closure of the Brisbane College of Theology in 2009, Trinity became affiliated with the Australian Catholic University and teaches within its Bachelor of Theology (BTh). Because of this agreement, all BTh courses taught at Trinity are ACU courses, and Trinity Candidates have the opportunity to benefit from an ecumenical approach to theological education that includes believers from many different faith backgrounds.

Nazarene Theological College (NTC)

The College continues membership of the Sydney College of Divinity. It welcomed to its full-time faculty, Major Dr. Dean Smith, who was seconded from the Salvation Army to be the Registrar and a teacher in the area of theology, philosophy and ethics. He commenced January 2015.

This year approval was obtained to offer SCD awards by Distance Education. The main interest is in the development of the Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) programme which is essentially an on-line programme developed by the SCD. NTC is being supported by the Asia Pacific Regional arm of the Church of the Nazarene in this endeavour.

Several international scholars and practitioners have conducted intensives through 2015: Dr Dean Flemming, New Testament scholar and missiologist, Rev Ray Neu, missionary and specialist in orality Bible storytelling, Dr Mark Maddix, specialist in Christian Education and discipleship, and Dr Kent Brower, New Testament scholar. Rev Dr Bruce Alder, after 17 years as Principal, will be moving to become the Missional Superintendent for the Australia North and West District Church of the Nazarene.

Harvest Bible College

The College continues to develop in Queensland. Over 220 students currently study either face to face at one of the 4 delivery centres in South East Queensland or online. More than 60 churches across the state send students to Harvest to be trained for effective ministry. These students range from those seeking practical ministry training for local church ministry through the popular diploma in a year program, to those in full time ministry wanting to up-skill their leadership through the Master of Arts program.

Harvest now offers a Local Church Delivered Certificate IV, and a Doctorate of Ministry Program with 12 students currently enrolled.

Citipointe Ministry College (CMC)

This is the School of Ministries (SOM) of Christian Heritage College, a tertiary college with about 1000 students at Mansfield/Carindale in Brisbane. CMC is one of four schools on the Christian Heritage College campus at Carindale, Brisbane. The other schools are Education, Social Science and Business. CMC continues to attract strong attendances of students into its Diploma and Bachelor of Ministry, Post Graduate and Masters of Ministry Leadership courses with an emphasis placed on practical ministry training. The courses are offered on site and by external studies. The campus has grown through the establishing of a larger library, new classrooms and the expansion of courses to include the Mastery of Ministry Leadership. CMC has recently participated in "the best semester program" with the American Studies centre and Council for Christian Colleges & Universities (CCCU) with 20 students from the USA studying each semester. CHC's institutional registration as a higher education provider continues until 16th January 2021. The current CHC School of Ministries (SOM) courses are accredited until 31st December 2015, with reaccreditation well underway. The School is in the final stages of the reaccreditation process for the Master of Ministry Leadership, Graduate Diploma in Ministry Studies, Graduate Certificate in Ministry Studies, Bachelor of Ministry, and Diploma of Ministry Studies.

Malyon College

The College has over 240 students enrolled. Most attend on campus, while some study by distance from right around Australia and overseas. Malyon offers Certificate, Diploma, Masters and Doctoral awards in ministry and theology, with targeted streaming programs for those wanting to work as pastors, youth workers, chaplains or in cross-cultural ministry. Malyon also houses several Centres assisting Christians and churches to bridge the gaps between church, culture, work and leadership. Malyon College continues to experience good health and vitality. After significant increases in student enrolment for the last five years running, 2015 saw a very slight drop in enrolments, but student numbers remain strong. At the end of 2014 Dr A J Culp was appointed as a specialist in Old Testament studies.

The three Centres, Malyon Leadership (focusing on training and networking younger leadership), Malyon Traverse (concentrating on bridging the gap between church and culture), and Malyon Workplace (emphasising the training of Christian leaders in the secular workplace) continue to flourish. Recent additions to our physical facilities include an internal lift which makes Malyon much more accessible.

Queensland Theological College (QTC)

The college has been training people in Queensland and beyond for well over a century, having existed in one form or another since 1876. Since 1912 QTC and its historical predecessors have been located within Emmanuel College, an affiliated college of the University of Queensland. QTC is also an affiliated college of the Australian College of Theology (ACT).

In recent years student numbers and community ethos have developed. QTC has made a number of new staff appointments, and it continues to conduct intensives with overseas speakers including Doug Green and Don Carson and Douglas Moo.

Brisbane School of Theology (BST)

The college has been operating for 72 years. Its name was changed to BST on 1 July 2013. It operates on the Toowong Campus, and is situated in the foothills of Mount Coot-tha, close to the CBD. The college is an affiliated college of the Australian College of Theology (ACT). It offers degrees and diplomas accredited by the ACT, up to doctoral

level. It is also linked with other significant educational bodies. BST is a Bible-centred, interdenominational and formational training college. It welcomes residential, non-residential, full-time and part-time students.

The curriculum provides a holistic and integrated program of theological education, encompassing the development of the heart (i.e. formation of Christian character for ministry), the head (i.e. acquiring knowledge for ministry), and the hand (i.e. gaining practical skills for ministry). The college's program especially emphasises biblical studies and mission. Other important components of the curriculum are spiritual formation and field education.

South Australia

Adelaide College of Divinity

Ms Janet Buchan has retired as the Executive Officer and has been replaced for the time being by Dr Elizabeth Boase. Janet will be remembered for her long and dedicated service as the Secretary of the Council of Deans of Theology.

Australian Catholic University (Adelaide)

The Catholic Theological College (Adelaide) has been absorbed into ACU's Faculty of Theology and Philosophy.

Australian Lutheran College

The Lutheran Church of Australia has called Pastor James Winderlich, the senior pastor of St Stephen's Lutheran Church, Adelaide, to lead Australian Lutheran College (ALC) as its new principal.

Bible College of South Australia

Rev. Dr Tim Patrick has been appointed as Principal. He teaches theology and practical ministry and his research areas are the English Reformation and eschatology. Chris Fresch has been appointed as Lecturer in Biblical Languages and Old Testament.

St Barnabas

Following its withdrawal from the ACD site, St Barnabas has relocated back to its original home, St Barnabas House, in North Adelaide opposite the Cathedral.

Tabor Adelaide

From July 1, Tabor Adelaide has merged the staff and students of Tabor Perth into its accredited Counselling and Theology programs.

Uniting College for Leadership and Theology

Later this year, Rev. Prof. Andrew Dutney will resume as Principal following a time as UCA President. Rev. Dr Steve Taylor, who has served as Principal for three years, will be returning to New Zealand to take up the role of Principal at Knox Centre for Ministry and Leadership. Rev. Kerry Pierce has been appointed as the new Lecturer in Pastoral Care.

Western Australia

A development of note for WA is that to save the costs and time of being individually responsible for compliance under the new TEQSA regime, two of our private HEPs, Tabor Perth and Harvest West, have now become part of their national group. Harvest West has therefore now dropped the 'West' from their title and falls under Harvest, while Tabor Perth has been taken over by Tabor Adelaide and is now a second campus for Tabor Adelaide. This has given their students access to the expertise

and distance programmes of their national body, though inevitably it has led to some staff changes and redundancies.

Harvest (formerly Harvest West)

Harvest West became part of the national Harvest group and is now its WA campus. Kay Dohle, formerly from Queensland has become the State Director, and the former principal Ashley Crane, is now a Senior Research Fellow for the Harvest group. The DMin program is now available in WA. Nigel Pegram completed his doctorate in the area of emotional intelligence. Harvest hopes to open a Bunbury hub for their VET programs.

University of Notre Dame Australia

Notre Dame continues to look for a Dean for the School of Philosophy and Theology. Staff continue to publish regularly, and are considering starting a new journal exploring religious art, which (if it comes into being) will be edited by Dr Angela McCarthy. This will be in addition to the journals they produce in (Australian Journal of Liturgy and Pastoral Liturgy). The school is hosting a visiting scholar from Fordham University in New York, Dr Tom Scirghi, who will teach and give two public lectures, "Naming the Unknown God: divinity, dictators and Disney" and "The liturgy that does Justice".

Perth Bible College

Their building project is completed and consists of 6 additional houses for students and their families. PBC has appointed two new faculty members, Dr Peter Elliot who teaches church history and theology and David Shaw, who teaches New Testament and Mission. They replace Adam Niven who has moved to Queensland and Anton Beukes who has moved to the USA

Tabor

The official merger between Tabor Adelaide and Tabor Perth takes place on 1 July 2015. Effectively Tabor Perth will become a branch campus of Tabor Adelaide, and its students will have access to the additional resource and online programs offered by Tabor Adelaide.

Trinity

There has been steady interest in the 3-year degree and there has also been a thriving group of part-time students doing the GradDipDiv.

Trinity has had a number of staff changes, with the business manager and registrar's department having a changeover in the last year. Their lecturer in Systematics, Martin Foord, will be going on Sabbatical to Cambridge in second semester of 2015. Sam Allberry visited to explore an evangelical approach to human sexuality; and Trinity will host Richard Shumack for their Annual Lecture on Ministry Among Muslims. They are beginning to prepare for their second triennial Trinity Symposium in 2016, which will bring scholars and pastors together to consider the way the Bible has been understood across the centuries of church history.

Vose

A building project is about to commence, and comes after several years of fund raising. It will add a conference centre with additional teaching spaces and ablutions. Michael O'Neil enjoyed his Sabbatical and was able to use it (amongst other things) to present a paper at SBL in the USA. A book launch in July will celebrate the publication of 5 books by faculty. The seminary is currently working to make its courses available by blended (distance) mode, and will add this to the options available to students from 2016.

Victoria

Harvest Bible College

Harvest West Bible College has merged with HBC and become the College's Perth campus. The Doctor of Ministry program was launched this year and currently has 11 students enrolled, including 5 full-time. The revised MA in Ministry also commenced, and has had 8 students undertaking short research projects (6,000 or 12,000 words) as part of this.

The new headquarters and Melbourne campus at 1 Keith Campbell Crt, Scoresby is fully operational. On 25th May the first issue of the *Journal of Contemporary Ministry*, was launched. Online student numbers are growing strongly and now represent more than 75% of total enrolments. There is strong growth in Graduate and Postgraduate sectors of the College.

Tabor

Dr Angelo Cettolin was confirmed as interim Head of School of Theology and Context. In the same reorganisation Dr David Morgan's role was changed to Dean of Academic Administration and Director of Learning and Teaching and Dr Jeff Pugh's role was changed to Senior Lecturer in Biblical Studies and Masters Courses Development Officer.

Partnership are now in place with SILA and ACCESS Ministries along with ongoing partnerships with the Dominican Sisters of Wanganui and Society of Pius X. MA in Vocational Practice in Asia in partnership with Asian Graduate School of Theology Alliance and Malaysian Care.

Planetshakers College

The College offers a VET Diploma and Advanced Diploma in association with Alphacrucis College. Currently they have 80 students enrolled.

Melbourne School of Theology

There are staff changes: Dr Michael Bräutigam has begun in Theology and Thomas Kimber is coming in missiology and pastoral work (from Biola). Richard Schumacher has taken on Centre for Study of Islam and other faiths. The Distance program is being reviewed and is developing.

University of Divinity

For the first time, a graduation was held in Adelaide (at the end of 2014) for Australian Lutheran College, with 42 awards presented. 409 awards were made at the Melbourne graduation.

With the ending of the United Faculty of Theology, Pilgrim College (UCA Vic Tas) and Trinity College Theological School (Anglican, Victoria) began as Colleges in their own right at the beginning of 2015, bringing the number of Colleges to 11. Of these 8 offer undergraduate awards through to research degrees, one is undergraduate only, one postgraduate only, and Morling is with the University only for HDR.

Significant changes in the last year include:

New Faculty:

Dr Gray Heard (Dean, Whitley College), Pastor James Winderlich (Principal, Aust Lutheran College), Dr John Flett (Pilgrim), Dr Stephen Burns (Trinity), Dr Jason Goroncy (Whitley), and Dr Brian Macallen (Stirling) have joined the University, Prof Mark Lindsay has moved to Trinity College, as has Dr Don Saines. Various Jesuit Theological College Faculty are now associated with Catholic Theological College (Dr Catherine Playoust), Pilgrim (Prof Maryanne Confoy, Dr John Martis, Dr Janette Gray, and others). Prof John

McDowell has joined the University as Director of Research. A similar group of administrators has been appointed to new positions. Chris Mostert was appointed an Emeritus Professor.

The University is developing a Grad Cert Theol Ed (for 2017) as a professional development program for academic staff.

Course Changes:

The University is discontinuing the offering of Honours degrees from end 2015. Whitley College has begun a school leaver program.

Enrolments:

Stable at about 650-700 EFT projected for 2015, with 10% HDR and coursework split nearly exactly 50:50 UG:PG.

Governance:

Prof Anne Hunt has joined the University Council. The Council joined the Heads of Colleges, Vice-Chancellor and Directors for the 2015 planning retreat.

Libraries:

The libraries in association with the University are developing cooperative structures to work as one to provide services such as access to online resources, eBooks, and catalogues.

Clinical Pastoral Education:

The University has appointed Stirling College to manage this complex process on behalf of the whole University.

Ridley College

The Rev. Dr Graham Stanton has joined the faculty.
The Ridley Certificate Program is growing

Tasmania

Tabor College Tasmania

The retirement of John Morse and Aileen Lyle means that the College is seeking new leadership. Dr Brendan Triffett has joined the College leading the area of Theology and Ministry. Dr Rob Macklin (UTas MBA coordinator) has succeeded Dr Sandra Hart as Chair of the Academic Board. Mr Jeremy Morse, Chair of Governing Board, is leading a process to consider rejoining Tabor Adelaide (as has been the case for Tabor WA).

Membership/Subscription Rates for 2016

The 2106 Membership/Subscription rates have been set as follows:

- \$600 Consortium Member Institutions
- \$500 Full Member Institutions (over 100 students)
- \$300 Full Member Institutions (under 100 students)
- \$200 Associate Member Institutions
- \$45 Individual Members (full)
- \$30 Individual Members (concession)
- \$100 Library (subscription to *Colloquium*)

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ANZATS 2016 CONFERENCE
Sunday 3rd to Wednesday 6th July 2016
“The Atonement”

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Details can be found at www.anzats.edu.au/Conferences

The 216 ANZATS Conference will be immediately preceded by the *Luther@500 Conference*. Hosted by the Australian Lutheran College, this conference will be a major event in anticipation of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation in 2017. It will be held at the Catholic Leadership Centre in East Melbourne, from 28th June to 3rd July, 2016. Further details can be found at <http://www.luther500.com.au>

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CONFERENCE 2016 - STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

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ANZATS is offering two student scholarships for the conference, under the following conditions agreed to by the ANZATS Council:

- Eligibility:** The scholarships are available to students enrolled in theological courses at member institutions of ANZATS who have completed the equivalent of at least three semesters' full-time study, but not completed their course.
- Criteria:** As a general rule, one scholarship will be awarded to a coursework student (BTh, MDiv etc) and one to a Higher Degree by Research candidate. The basic criterion for the award of a scholarship is academic merit: preference will be given to persons working in an area related to the major theme of the conference. The extent to which participation in the conference will encourage and assist successful students to undertake further theological studies will also be taken into account.
- Value:** Registration for the Conference, plus up to AUD\$800 towards travel and accommodation costs. The amount of each scholarship will not exceed the amount of these expenses.

Applications: Applications must be in writing and transmitted electronically to:

Dr Raymond Nobbs, secretary@anzats.edu.au, by 5pm Eastern Standard Time on **Monday 11th April, 2016**. **Late applications will not be considered.**

Applications must include the following:

- A statement of the course in which the applicant is enrolled, and progress made;
 - A brief statement of the benefits the applicant hopes to gain from participating in this conference;
 - A letter from the Principal of the member institution, or the student's principal academic supervisor, certifying that the applicant is eligible to apply, and commenting on her or his academic merit;
 - A statement of other support which the applicant can receive to attend the conference;
 - Full contact details for the student and the person giving the accompanying reference.
- The scholarships will be paid by ANZATS to each successful applicant on presentation of documentation justifying the expenses towards which the scholarship is directed.

Further enquiries should be directed to Dr Raymond Nobbs at the given email address.