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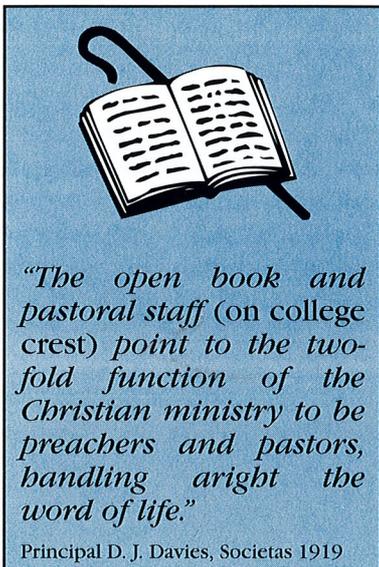
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## PREPARING PASTORS

by Peter Jensen

The basic task given to Moore College is to prepare ministers for the Anglican Church and particularly for the Diocese of Sydney. Such ministers are often called pastors, a word that is used to describe them in the New Testament.



The word pastor means shepherd, and we are specifically told that the pastors are to model themselves on Jesus Christ the Good Shepherd. Following Jesus helps us to see what the role involves and how it should be carried out.

There are three elements in the task of a Christian pastor.

### Finding the Sheep

The Lord Jesus laid down his life so that he could gather his lost sheep:

*"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me - just as the Father knows me and I know the Father - and I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd."* (John 10:14-16)

This means that it remains always the task of the Christian minister to teach the gospel in such a way that the lost sheep will come to know the Lord Jesus. The Prayer Book tells us that ministers are *"to seek for Christ's sheep that are dispersed abroad"*.

**The shepherds that we choose must exhibit the character that fits the servant of Christ. The most important thing as ever is love.**

### Tending the Sheep

It is the pastor's duty to care for God's flock. The first way of doing this is by the applied teaching of God's word, privately and publicly, in season and out of season. This is the food which the sheep need for growth and maturity. Sometimes you will hear people contrast the pastoral role and the teaching role, but the pastor must be a good teacher.

On the other hand, teaching without any personal relationship or care for God's people is not enough. This is a travesty of the pastor's calling. No matter how fine a communicator the minister may be, if there is a lack of compassion and sympathy there is no pastoral gift. Likewise the prayerless minister is no pastor.

It is certainly true, for example, that the wise pastor will be a good listener. It will also be true that such a person will be one to whom people turn for prayer and counsel in a time of crisis. It will also be true that pastors will seek to motivate and extend the ministry of others.

### Guarding the Sheep

The Bible lays particular stress on the need for pastors to protect the sheep against false teaching even at their own cost. The Prayer Book calls on them *"to banish and drive away all erroneous and strange doctrines contrary to God's word"*. Obviously, this task requires learning in the scriptures and insight into the nature of heresy and non-Christian ways of thought.

The pastoral role involves more than efficiency and technical skill: it requires a godly life. Following the Lord Jesus gives the clue as to how the pastor should be motivated.

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## Postgraduates at Moore

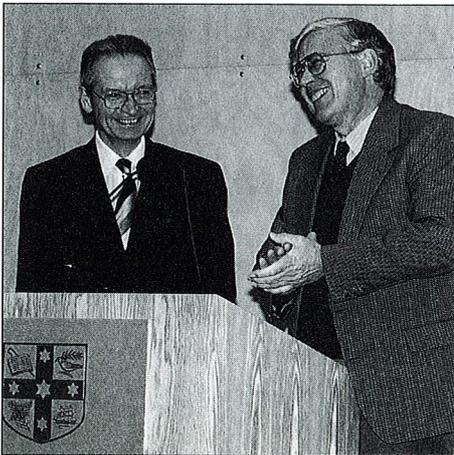
In 1995 there are 85 postgraduate students at Moore (7 female/78 male) of whom 55 are undertaking MA and 30, MTh studies. All but two of these are involved part-time. Some of this number have come from overseas to further their theological education - David Tshimanga (Zaire), Jacob Muiruri (Kenya), Yam Keung (Albert) Tsoi (Hong Kong) but the majority are Moore College graduates involved concurrently in parish ministry.

*Some of the postgraduate students who attend "New Testament in its Times" with Bishop Paul Barnett. From L. - Zac Veron, Jacob Muiruri, David Tshimanga, Chris Ten Broeke and John Reid.*



## Annual Lectures

Academic stimulation was provided in August by the 18th Annual Moore College Lectures. These 5 lectures on *Original Sin - Illuminating the Riddle* were presented by Prof. Henri Blocher, Principal of the Faculté Libre De Théologie Évangélique in Paris, and an acknowledged leader among evangelicals of France. Prof. Blocher highlighted just how desperately our society needs the doctrine of original sin to make sense of our brokenness and purposelessness, and to indicate, in the light of the Cross, the way out of our chaos.



*Peter Jensen introduces Prof. Blocher*

## Justification and Christian Assurance

The Broughton Knox Lecture Theatre on 7th September was the venue for the **School of Theology 1995** on this important topic. Papers were presented by Don Carson and Phil Kern, visiting scholars from North America, and by Peter Jensen, Peter O'Brien and David Peterson of the Moore College faculty.

Phil Kern's careful exegesis of Galatians showed the centrality of justification for entering back into fellowship with God. Don Carson gave a lively exposition of 1 John which pointedly pushed all participants to examine the basis of their own assurance. The college was indeed blessed by the outstanding

contributions from these two visitors. As in previous years, the 5 papers will be published as a new volume of *Explorations* and should be available for purchase mid-1996 from Impact Books, 21 King Street, Newtown, Tel: (02) 550 2266.

### Planning a Function?

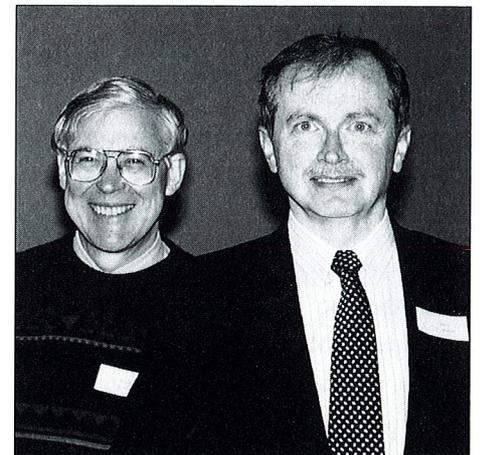
With competitive prices and personal service, Moore College offers facilities and catering for :

- **Wedding Receptions** - 50 to 250 guests. Formal dinners in Dining Hall or light refreshments in Knox Centre and garden
- **Conferences** - 9 rooms seating 16 to 320 people
- **Meetings/Seminars/Workshops**

Facilities are available evenings and week-ends throughout the year and daily during college vacations

**Accommodation** - up to 70 beds available during Christmas and mid-year vacations.

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*Don Carson with Peter Jensen*

## Preparing Pastors *(continued from front page)*

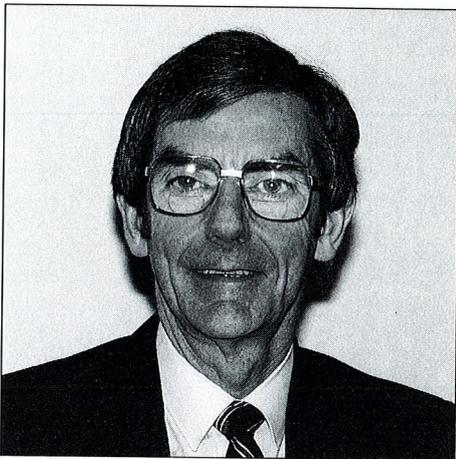
As the apostle Peter writes: "*Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, serving as overseers - not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not greedy for money, but eager to serve; not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.*" (1 Peter 5:2-4)

**The shepherds that we choose must exhibit the character that fits the servant of Christ. The most important thing as ever is love.** I believe that when people ask for true pastors to be sent to them, they are thinking especially of those who will conduct themselves in this Christ-like way.

Moore College gives itself to the training of pastors, not mere communicators. We are concerned for the godliness of our graduates. It must never be forgotten, of course, that teaching is the central business of a pastor whether in tending, feeding or guarding God's sheep. But ministers are not true pastors and teachers if they do not exhibit the character of the Great Shepherd himself.

## New Registrar

For the first time, the college since June 1995 enjoys the services of a full-time Registrar - Mr Alan Hohne. A graduate of Moore, Alan is a trained teacher who served with CMS in Tanzania 1968-70. While maintaining strong association with CMS, Alan has more recently been involved in senior banking management and financial consultancy. His son, David, is currently in 4th year at the college. As Registrar, Alan's role is to facilitate the academic progress of each student from first enquiry through to graduation.



*Registrar, Alan Hohne*

## Enrolment doubled in 23 years

### 1972 ENROLMENT.

Twenty-seven new students commenced their courses this year. The total enrolment is 93 students, and of these, fifty-five are married. 31 students and their families are living in college houses.

*Excerpt from Moore News, May 1972*

## The Principal speaks out

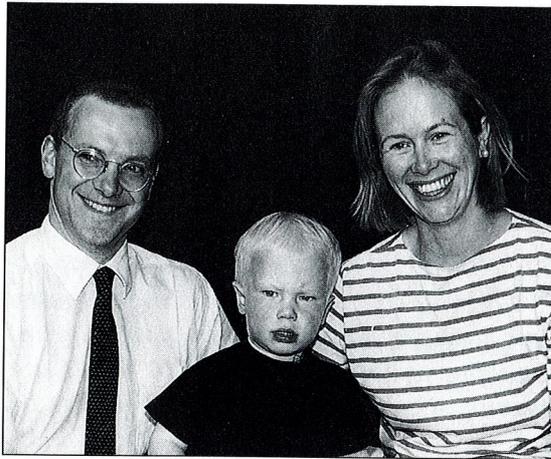


*Did the Moree visit include a ride on Archdeacon Richardson's Harley Davidson?*

## Michael Ovey joins the Faculty

In June 1995, Michael Ovey arrived from England with his wife, Heather and baby son, Charlie to join the college community as a member of faculty. He is currently teaching Philosophy, Doctrine and Greek to 1st year students.

Michael is a law graduate from Oxford with a BA and BCL. He worked as a



*Michael, Heather & Charlie Ovey*

barrister and as a civil service lawyer involved in drafting legislation for Parliament and advising the Government on constitutional matters before finding an "increasing urge to work in Christian ministry".

He obtained a degree in theology from Cambridge and was curate in a Sussex parish before being appointed to Moore College faculty at the suggestion of Dick Lucas.

## David Peterson to be Principal of Oak Hill

As an indication of the international recognition of the Moore College faculty, David Peterson, lecturer for 18 years in New Testament, Christian worship and pastoral studies, has been appointed Principal of Oak Hill Theological College in London from mid 1996.



*Lesley and David Peterson*

Both David and his wife, Lesley have made very valuable contributions to the life of the college and will be greatly missed. David is also known as an author and for his recent involvement as consultant to the Liturgical Commission. The college community gives thanks for the Petersons' ministry at Moore, and wishes them every blessing in their new appointment.

Principal Peter Jensen is much in demand as a guest speaker. In June/July 1995 he visited the UK to speak at the Evangelical Ministry Assembly in Oxford. While in England he gave the St Antholin lecture in London and spoke at the Reform Conference and the Theological Students' Conference. At home, Peter's engagements have included the AFES Conference in Canberra, the Inverell Keswick Convention and the Moree Christian Convention.



*Peter Jensen speaks on "The Work of the Holy Spirit" at Moree*



## The Moore College motto

Little quoted these days when sentiments expressed in the negative are not fashionable, the historical Moore College motto translates as **“Not pursuing low ideals”**.

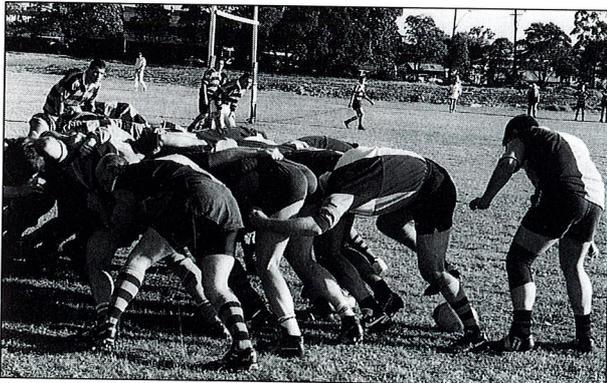
Archdeacon DJ Davies, Principal of Moore 1911-1935, explained the motto in the following terms:

*“Nothing less than the highest should be the aim of those who constitute the College. They should ‘hitch their waggon to a star’. The teaching suggested is that bodied forth in the ‘man with the muckrake’ in the ‘Pilgrim’s Progress’. The College stands for what is best and highest in ideals and methods in ends and means thereto. The room for improvement is the largest room in the world.”*  
(From Societas 1919)

Nothing negative about that!

## Moore packs down

On 30th August at Croydon’s Cintra Park, the mighty men of Moore Rugby faced their annual battle against sibling theological college, SMBC. In a hard fought match, with a few tense moments, Moore College had a decisive 14 to 5 victory.



Tries for Moore were scored by Greg Peisley and Bruce Russell, and converted by Bruce Russell and Tim Baxter. One converted try was scored by the opposition. Well done Moore!

*Moore forwards pack a scrum in their annual match against SMBC*

### Moore Prayer Points

*“The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective”*

James 5:16

#### Give thanks –

- for the number and quality of students training at Moore and applying for 1996
- for several generous donations in answer to prayer for financial support
- for the numbers benefitting from Moore’s correspondence courses, and for the first of these now available in Chinese

#### and pray

- that Moore graduates will be true pastors who conduct themselves in a Christ-like manner
- for students during exam time, for disciplined application to study, good health and refreshing rest
- for wisdom for College Council in management decisions
- for the faculty who are stretched at year end, and for the Jensen family as they mourn the death of Peter’s father on 12th October
- for suitable positions for graduates, and catechist positions for students in 1996

## A gift beyond your lifetime?

After death, you can still help others find eternal life through a bequest to Moore College.

### FORM OF BEQUEST

I give *\*either* the sum of .....(words & figures)

or .....(words & figures ) percentage of my estate to Moore Theological College Council for the general purposes of the college and I declare that the receipt of the Treasurer of the College Council shall be a full and sufficient discharge to the Executor.

*\* If there is to be a gift of shares or real property then sufficient words to identify same should be substituted for the dollar amount.*

If you would like to discuss making a bequest to Moore College in confidence, please telephone Mrs Heather Jones, Development Officer, on (02) 519 2644 or for more details use the reply slip overleaf and post to address below.

## Development Office reports

It is exciting to reflect that enrolment at Moore has doubled since 1972. Well-trained preachers, teachers and pastors are so essential in this fallen and divided world. Never more so.

Inevitably however, such growth places enormous pressure on resources - on lecture and library facilities, and on faculty and student housing. For Moore to remain strong, to continue to supply graduates well-equipped to find, tend and guard God's sheep into the 21st century, much depends on the continuing financial support of those dedicated to furthering his Kingdom.

**Often a person is able to do as much or more for the Kingdom of God in death as they were able to in life.**

In our wills we provide for loved ones after death. But with a will we can also continue to support the causes which concern us most. If one of these is making Christ known, through the equipping of men and women for gospel ministry, then we can leave a bequest to Moore College in our will. There are a number of options:

- allocating a fixed sum of money to the college - simple and convenient, but does not allow for inflation or changed circumstances
- allocating a fixed percentage of net assets - allows for inflation and changed circumstances
- apportioning the residue of our estate after allowing for personal beneficiaries
- nominating a specific asset eg property, shares, bonds or insurance policy

Any one, or a combination of the above, may be appropriate in individual circumstances.

**We can go on helping to make Christ known even after we enter eternity.**

Now that is **really** exciting!

For more information on bequests see back page.

Meantime, outstanding debt for the Knox Centre and the purchase of townhouses is over \$2.4m. If you are in a position to help **now**, with a tax deductible gift, please complete the details overleaf and return to me.



Development Officer

I/We wish to support (please tick as appropriate)

- Reduction of loans for Knox Centre and student townhouses\***
- other (please specify).....

\* The payee should be "Moore College Building Fund"  
**Donations over \$2 to this fund are tax deductible**

Please supply further information on  bequests or .....

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Please accept for the purpose indicated my/our

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four individual instalments per year can be accepted)

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**Subsequent Pledge Instalments:**

- Please send reminder notices at intervals indicated above
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*Thank you for supporting the work of Moore College*