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Dr Mark Thompson

SOMETIMES I'M ASKED WHAT IS HAPPENING AT MOORE COLLEGE. THERE SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN QUITE A LOT OF CHANGE, PARTICULARLY IN THE TEACHING STAFF! SINCE 2011, BRIAN ROSNER, CON CAMPBELL, MICHAEL JENSEN, RICHARD GIBSON, ANDREW CAMERON, BILL SALIER, GREG ANDERSON, PETER BOLT, AND NOW KEITH CONDIE HAVE LEFT TO HEAD UP OR BECOME A SIGNIFICANT PART OF OTHER MINISTRIES. **9 PEOPLE OUT OF A FACULTY OF 21—THAT'S QUITE SIGNIFICANT.** YET, WHEN I'M ASKED THAT QUESTION I INVARIABLY SMILE. **IT IS ALL GOOD.** GOD IS DOING SOMETHING **REMARKABLE** AMONG US.

There are three main answers to the question. The first lies in the wonderful opportunities the Lord has provided for Moore College men and women, including those on the faculty, to spread the gospel of Christ further and further afield at this challenging moment. Ridley College Melbourne, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Chicago, the parish of Darling Point in Sydney, the Brisbane School of Theology, St Mark's National Theological Centre in Canberra, Youthworks College, the Diocese of the Northern Territory, Sydney College of Divinity, and Anglican Deaconness Ministries—in each of these places, Moore College-trained men and women are having a greater influence than ever before, and that is something for which we have every cause to thank God. Who would have thought it could ever happen so quickly?

The second is that this is the

normal cycle of life in the College. In the mid 1970s, when the faculty numbered 8 full-time faculty, within the space of just two and a half years the College said goodbye to Donald Robinson, Alan Cole and Bruce Smith. While the loss of each of these men was undoubtedly felt as a heavy blow, their departure made room in time for Peter Jensen, David Peterson, John Woodhouse and Barry Webb. In the late 1980s and early 1990s, the College farewelled Bill Dumbrell, Graham Cole, Bill Lawton, and John Woodhouse. Again this was a significant blow in a faculty of 12, but these departures made room for Peter Bolt, Mark Thompson, Andrew Shead and Richard Gibson. The current series of departures in a concentrated period is not unparalleled in the history of the College. And room has been made for a new generation of godly and gifted teachers.

The third answer is quite simply the people the Lord has brought to join us in this vital ministry. They are extraordinary. We have been joined by Dan Wu in Old Testament, Peter Orr in New Testament, Andrew Leslie in Doctrine, Will Timmins in New Testament, Ed Loane in Church History and Doctrine, Lionel Windsor in New Testament, Simon Gillham in

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Missions, Chase Kuhn in Doctrine and Ministry, and Chris Thomson in Old Testament. And there are more to come. God has provided us with skilled, gifted and faithful teachers who each strengthen the work and witness of the faculty. Each has a pastor's heart. Each knows their discipline exceptionally well.

Each has already been contributing to scholarship and the churches through their writing. Each models godly living and gospel priorities.

If you have not had a chance to meet or hear these new members

of the faculty proclaim the word of God, may I encourage you to visit us here at Moore College, or check out our website (especially the Think Tank blog and podcast). You'll soon discover how extraordinary they are.

Of course on the website you will also hear from those who have served the College for much longer—Andrew Shead, Colin Bale, Philip Kern, Paul Williamson, George Athas, Archie Poulos, David Höhne, Jane Tooher and Tara Stenhouse, not to mention our Emeritus Faculty, Paul Barnett, Peter Jensen, Peter O'Brien, David Peterson and Barry Webb. They're all still here.

God is doing great things at Moore College and through Moore College. Your College is as strong as ever and facing the opportunities to proclaim Christ in Sydney and around the world with

energy and excitement and with a humble dependence upon the work of God through his word and by his Spirit. I am thrilled by the faculty of this College. I am thankful to God for his generosity to us in giving us such men and women. And just as I

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delight in the memory of those who have been part of this faculty over the 160 years of the College's life, I look forward with eager anticipation to what God will do among us with the latest iteration. Please keep praying for us.

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Online Diploma

Rev Dr David Höhne, Online Diploma Course Co-ordinator

BACK IN 1941, MOORE COLLEGE BEGAN DISTANCE COURSES SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED TO ENCOURAGE LAY-PEOPLE IN THEIR LOCAL CHURCH MINISTRY, UNDER THE NAME OF THE SYDNEY PRELIMINARY THEOLOGICAL CERTIFICATE (SPTC).

After 75 years of supporting lay ministry, Moore College is proud to announce our first *accredited* distance course for lay-people, *The Diploma of Biblical Theology*. Accreditation for this award means that for the first time the College will be able to recognise successfully completed core units of distance study towards the face-to-face Diplomas already taught at the Newtown Campus in the full-time and part-time programmes.

In keeping with our digital society, the MTC Diploma of Biblical Theology will be run completely online—all course material will be available through the dedicated website, and all assignments will be done through the same site. In addition, specially trained tutors will work through regular forums and workshops to help students grow in their knowledge of the Bible and service of the Lord Jesus.

The first core unit for all students—Biblical Theology—will be available for enrolment in second semester this year (2016), along with Church History 1 and New Testament 1 (Mark). Prospective students should contact the Registrar's department for details about enrolment: registrardept@moore.edu.au



A word from the Archbishop



If you have passed by Newtown lately, you will have found it almost impossible to miss the construction of the new Moore College learning and teaching complex. The blue scaffolding can be seen from quite some distance away. By the time you receive this, the roof should be on the building and internal construction of its six floors well underway. There is excitement in the College and not a small degree of interest in the wider community as well.

This building has been long planned for the College. It meets an urgent need. As our College grows and prepares to train more and more men and women for ministry in churches, schools, university campuses, on the mission field and other places as well, it has been clear to us all that there is not enough teaching space, study space and community space at the Newtown campus. The College has laboured doing great work with facilities which have increasingly constrained rather than promoted growth. This new building will give us a larger library with more than four times the study space of the old one. When the building is finished the number of teaching spaces will be more than doubled. Students, faculty, staff and visitors—everyone will benefit from this exciting project.

The Governing Board of the College committed itself to this project four years ago after a long and protracted search for an alternative site for the College had proved unsuccessful. A campaign was launched to raise \$20 million to enable the completion of the building. So far almost \$15.5 million has been raised. This is an extraordinary provision of our God. It has enabled us to commit to a building contract and get underway. With the sale of other College property and the availability of a bank loan we will be able to pay all the building costs. The vision will become a reality.

Of course, selling property and acquiring debt are not ideal as we build the College of the future. Our prayers are regularly directed towards the expansion of the Newtown campus rather than the loss of student housing or other property, even if just in the short-term. So we have launched a further stage of the fundraising program, the 'Close the Gap' campaign. Will you help us 'close the gap' and so avoid the need for property sales and bank debt?

This is a time when strong, clear and faithful theological education is more important than ever. We are entering a new stage in the history of the church in our land, with new challenges as well as new opportunities. We need more people,

not less, who will give themselves to proclaiming Christ, caring for his people, and providing an encouraging example of faithful, loving discipleship in the church and in the world. Under God's good hand Moore College will play a vital role in preparing people for the work of reaching lost men and women in Sydney and across the world, bringing them to Christ, and

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building them in faith in the context of Christian fellowship in faithful churches. The new Moore College building is a means to this end, certainly not an end in itself! As men and women gather in this building, the learning, teaching and encouragement of each other will honour our great God and Saviour and further his mission in the world.

Please consider contributing to the 'Close the Gap' campaign and help us raise the last \$4.5 million this year.

Grace and peace

Glenn N Davies
Archbishop of Sydney

Moore College quietly turned 160 years old

Dr Mark Thompson, Principal

ON 1 MARCH THIS YEAR, MOORE COLLEGE TURNED 160 YEARS OLD. **IT IS ONE OF THE OLDEST HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS IN THE COUNTRY. ONLY SYDNEY UNIVERSITY IS OLDER,** AND THEN ONLY IF YOU TAKE THE DATE FROM THE ARRIVAL OF THE FIRST STUDENTS! (THERE IS AN OLD TONGUE-IN-CHEEK DEBATE ECHOING THE ANCIENT RIVALRY IN OXFORD BETWEEN THE COLLEGES WITH THE OLDEST BUILDING, THE OLDEST LIBRARY AND THE OLDEST STUDENT RECORD.)

We have come a long way in 160 years. In 1856 there was 1 full-time tutor (the Principal) and 3 students. Today there are 21 full-time faculty and around 300 full-time students (including the full-time masters and doctoral students). In 1856 they were all men. Today around 40% of the student body are women, and we have 2 women on the full-time faculty and 14 women chaplains. In 1856 we prepared people for examinations run from England. Today we offer our own diplomas, bachelor, masters and doctoral programs. In 1856 all the students were training for ordination in the Diocese of Sydney. Today this work still remains at the heart of what we do, but we are preparing men and women for a variety of other ministries in a variety of other places.

The long heritage of our College is something to celebrate and something for which we must give thanks to our Father in heaven. Of course the College has had its ups and downs. One Principal was sacked for introducing tractarian practices into the College chapel in the late 1880s. The theological direction of the College took an unfortunate turn during the years of the First World War and through the 1920s. The financial position of the College was not always robust. It did not always enjoy the confidence of the churches of the diocese in the way it does today. But time and again God has shown his goodness to us. He has provided the College with exceptional leadership in men like Nathaniel Jones and Broughton Knox. He has given it wise and strategic governance—first through the trustees of Thomas Moore’s will, then the Moore College Committee, then the Moore College Council, and more recently the Moore College Governing Board and its subcommittees. He has raised up generous friends who have helped the College develop and grow and assisted in its ordinary needs.

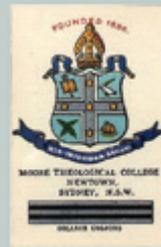
160 years is a long time and a lot has changed over that period. Yet it is still good to look back and be

reminded of the way the Lord has been using Moore College for a very long time to prepare people for gospel ministry. The little tangible connections we still have today with that history invariably end up being great encouragements. The plaque in John Chapman House commemorating the principalship of Bernard Schleicher, the first principal who looked after the College in Newtown (1891–1897), highlights his godly character and pastoral care.

His successor, Nathaniel Jones (1897–1911), is often pictured in the austere poses of the first decade of the twentieth century. However, there exists one beautiful photograph of the much loved principal which shows him enjoying a moment of fun with his students. We displayed it at the 150th celebrations of the College but it is currently boxed away somewhere in our archives. I’m determined to dig it out and put it on display when the new building is completed, because it shows the humanity of one very significant figure in our history.

A friend of mine recently came across a cigarette silk from 1911. Apparently, at the time, cigarette packages contained collectable silk cards which portrayed the 50 universities and Colleges of Australia. No. 33 was Moore College, Newtown (Founded 1856). The College crest, motto and colours appear on one side while a short description of the College appears on the other. Here is a testimony that the College has never existed in splendid isolation from the rest of the community but has operated within and contributed to the life of the city and the nation.

There is a lot to be excited about in the College’s past, present and future. We can testify to God’s faithfulness in the past and we can rely on God’s constancy in the present and into the future. Reliant upon God’s grace, we are determined to provide the best possible theological education and training for Christian ministry in the volatile atmosphere of the twenty-first century. Thank you for being such an important part of the journey and this ministry.



Moore Practitioners

Rev Archie Poulos, Head of Department of Ministry and Lectures in Ministry

The goal of Moore College has always been to send workers into all the world. This means that one of the chief objectives is the development of pastors. This development cannot be accomplished merely in cloistered academic halls. So it is a wonderful provision of God that he has given to our students a diocese of great parishes and extraordinary leaders to assist in the ministry development of our students. Here are some of the ways this is achieved:

1 Student ministry—each week, in over 100 parishes, interacting with thousands of people, our students are sharpened and developed in assisting people to faith and maturity. This partnership is vitally important to enhancing the ministry of our students and the College is so thankful for this. If only we had more students so we could serve and be shaped in even more parishes!

2 College missions—each year, for a week, in about 15 different places, our students have the privilege of sharing evangelistic ministry, and learning from pastors and congregations.

3 Preaching development—this occurs not only through church ministry, but in our College course, through 20 excellent practitioners generously giving an hour a week for half a year to lead small preaching groups. There are also preaching master-classes where preachers such as Simon Manchester, Kanishka Raffel and Al Stewart share how to develop as a preacher.

4 Class teaching—the skills of effective practitioners come into the classroom setting. Our students explore how to minister to youth, children, the elderly, the marginalised and other groups through the wisdom imparted by these teachers. There are experts in understanding and ministering in settings such as domestic violence who thoughtfully teach our students. Some of our courses have ongoing involvement with pastors ministering at the ‘coalface’. John Bales and Mike Wilson help us understand Buddhism and Islam; Bruce Hall helps us to be community evangelists.

As students come to the conclusion of their degrees, well-known pastors such as Phil Colgan and Andrew Heard provide input on shaping and developing personal and ministry philosophy, and an experienced team of chaplains from ARV and Anglicare develop our pastoral ministry skills. Experts from the secular world also give their time to develop our students: Peter Mayrick, Tim Sims and Roland Slee, who excel in their businesses, help our students in specific areas.

5 Co-located with the College are the Department of Evangelism and New Churches (ENC) and Two Ways Ministries. Students rub shoulders with and are trained in evangelism and church planting by pastors like Phil Wheeler, Mark Gilbert and Phillip Jensen, helping them develop in taking the gospel to every crevice of society.

6 Moore College has three centres that engage with everyday life and ministry—the Priscilla and Aquila Centre, the Centre for Christian Living and the Centre for Ministry Development. Each of these Centres draws on the expertise of Sydney clergy. Names such as Lesley Ramsay, Tony Payne, Sandy Grant and Andrew and Helen Mitchell may be familiar to you.

Graduates of the College are best served by doing two things during their student days: classroom and peer learning, and working alongside superb practitioners. The College is blessed to have so many practitioners so willing to serve our students in so many different ways.



Strengthening student marriages at Moore College

'I didn't realise the strain that ministry was putting on our marriage.'

This comment captures the sentiment of many pastors involved in a seven-year research project in the USA, which found that one of the best means to support and strengthen those in ministry was a good marriage. The reality, however, is that ministry marriages are subject to unique pressures. These include the 'always on the job' nature of ministry and the need to ensure that spouses do not feel abandoned as pastors seek to fulfil their ministerial responsibilities.

At Moore we recognise these challenges. We long to see our married students graduate with both a sound understanding of the faith and strong, nurturing relationships that sustain them for a lifetime of ministry. In keeping with this desire, the College runs marriage enrichment seminars for the student body, led by Keith and Sarah Condie.

The program is a unique combination of biblical wisdom and insights that have emerged from recent marriage research. It recognises that while faithful, loving commitment is at the heart of the Scriptures' understanding of marriage (Gen 2:24), God's design is for couples to share an intimate bond—a relationship where they can be 'naked without shame' (Gen 2:25). Marriage research has confirmed the importance of this bond to a healthy marriage. Happily married couples share a deep emotional connection where they can safely open up their hearts to each other and feel supported and loved in the midst of their failings and struggles as well as life's happier moments.

During the seminars, students are provided with a biblical framework for understanding marriage. They hear the research findings on what makes marriages work and the warning signs of a relationship that is in trouble. Most importantly, they learn that the emotional tone between a couple is set not by grand gestures, but arises from their everyday interactions. 'Small things often' is the key here. It is critical that the couple don't take each other for granted—that they take the time to listen to each other so that they know what is happening in each other's worlds; that they express their admiration and appreciation for each other; that they keep having fun together; etc. A stage two seminar builds on this material and has a particular focus on understanding and managing conflict. The Condie's have also been trained in a course called 'Bringing Baby Home'. This was developed in response to research that indicates that two-thirds of marriages turn sour upon the birth of the first child. The course has been shown to halt this decline by assisting couples to remain closely connected to each other while they also nurture the bond with the new infant in their lives.

The various seminars at College are designed for both prevention and cure. Recognising that most students are in the early years of married life, they seek to encourage healthy patterns of relating and the avoidance of behaviour that creates distance between couples.

How has the program been received? One couple wrote, 'We find these days so helpful and such a blessing to our marriage.' Another said that the seminar they attended provided 'many revolutionary concepts for us'. A couple who had been in ministry for a number of years who attended a seminar made this comment to the Condie's: 'Thank you for your wise Biblical counsel, research into safe, connected marriages and open sharing of your life and marriage with us. It has been helpful and encouraging for us as we work on making our marriage flourish.'

Such comments suggest that the time and effort involved in running the seminars is worthwhile.



Keith and Sarah Condie

Sarah Thorburn

Fourth Year

I GREW UP IN PERTH AND AFTER A FEW YEARS TEACHING MATHS IN COUNTRY WA HEADED EAST TO BE FURTHER EQUIPPED TO TEACH PEOPLE ABOUT JESUS. THAT HAS INVOLVED 2 YEARS AS A MINISTRY APPRENTICE AT UNSW AND NOW ALMOST 4 YEARS AT COLLEGE.

I have been really thankful for my time at Moore. I'm thankful for the opportunity to think, learn and dwell deeply on the word of God. I'm thankful for lecturers who work hard for us, and for assignments that stretch me in my thinking (even though they can be painful at the time). I'm thankful for the privilege of studying alongside others who know

and love the Lord Jesus and want to see him proclaimed.

College is often an intense place to be, partly because I'm so invested in the content, and partly because in studying theology my own sin and inadequacies become all the more evident. One of the things I've really appreciated about Moore College is the opportunity to do this learning in community—a daily reminder that our study isn't merely an intellectual pursuit but ought to shape us as those in Christ, and enable us to love and serve others.

I am both excited and daunted about the prospect of finishing up at the end of this year. I'm looking forward to having more time to

devote to ministry, reading the bible with people and standing alongside others as we speak of Jesus. I'll miss the friendship and fellowship of college, but hope and pray that we can keep spurring one another on in ministry for many years to come.

At this stage I am hoping to head back to Perth next year to share Jesus with university students. However, I am still considering the possibility of serving further afield. You can join me in praying that God would keep growing my desire to share Jesus with others, whatever the cost, and make me bold in proclaiming him.

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Stephanie Judd

Fourth Year

I BECAME A CHRISTIAN WHEN I WAS 17 YEARS OLD AFTER A BIBLE STUDY LEADER AT CHRIST CHURCH, ST IVES EXPLAINED THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST TO ME.

Discovering that Christ was my substitute on the cross, bearing the judgment for my sin, and rose from the dead so that I could have life and be reconciled with God, I wondered why it had taken 17 years for someone to share this message with me. Consequently, I became passionate about sharing the good news of Jesus with others.

Following the completion my Bachelor of Music (Performance) and after working as a Christian Studies teacher and Assistant Chaplain at Abbotsleigh School for Girls for 4 years, I not only decided that I wanted to continue to serve Christ in full time Christian ministry, I also recognised my need for formal theological training. Having observed the clear and faithful teaching of the Word and the considered Christian care provided me by those who had undergone training at Moore College, I recognised Moore as a place where I would be able to receive what I would need to

serve Christ similarly. I am now in my fourth year in the Bachelor of Divinity degree. I anticipated learning much at my time at college—including original languages of biblical texts and a strong exegetical method—but what I had not anticipated was the way in which my time at Moore would provide me with such a holistic, integrated theological framework through which I now think and seek to serve Christ in all things. Not only so, but I have been shaped by the humility, integrity, and care demonstrated to me by lecturers and the wider community at Moore College. I thank God for my time at Moore.

Following my studies, I look forward to serving Christ and his people with my husband Andrew Judd, who is the Associate Minister at St Barnabas, Broadway. My desire is to teach, train, and mentor women in Sydney, that they might be built up to know and love God better and to serve him with their gifts and their lives. I also hope to commit myself to further theological studies at some point in the future.



Tim Flint

Fourth Year



THE QUESTION OF WHY I CAME TO MOORE COLLEGE IS EASY TO ANSWER: I SIMPLY DIDN'T KNOW OF ANY OTHER COLLEGES. FROM ANOTHER PERSPECTIVE THOUGH, THIS REASON IS FAR MORE PROFOUND AND SIGNIFICANT.

My wife and I grew up in regional NSW. I was a weekly church attender from my childhood and into my early married life, but looking back I realise that neither my wife nor I were actually regenerate Christians at that time. Unremarkable circumstances led us to leave my childhood church and begin attending a recently planted FIEC* church in Wagga. The clarity and urgency with which we heard the gospel proclaimed there was nothing short of life (and death) changing. It woke us up out of a previously undiagnosed malaise and arrested our hearts and minds in such a way as can only be described as the supernatural work of God. As we continued to mature as 'converted' Christians, the men and women who had the greatest impact on us all inevitably had one thing in common: Moore College. When the encouragement came for us to consider training in

ministry, the choice was easy. We wanted to come somewhere that would equip us with the same level of clarity, integrity, earnestness and urgency in sharing the gospel that we had been so richly blessed by. Moore College has absolutely been that place.

After college, my wife and I are very keen to head back to regional NSW, where the gospel is so often muted in an attempt to appeal to post-Christian sensitivities. We are prayerfully expectant that God will use our feeble efforts to glorify His name and point people who are still living in darkness to the glorious consciousness of a light-filled future in Christ. We are so grateful to God for our time at Moore and pray that He will continue to uphold it as a place that is rock-solid in declaring, defending and training people to be faithful proclaimers of the gospel of our great God and King.

*Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches.

Complementarianism

Jane Tooher, Director, Priscilla and Aquila Centre



IN APRIL, MY COLLEAGUE TARA STENHOUSE (WHO LECTURES IN MINISTRY AND CHURCH HISTORY AND IS THE DEAN OF WOMEN) AND I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND 'THE BEAUTY OF COMPLEMENTARITY' CONFERENCE HOSTED BY THE COUNCIL FOR BIBLICAL MANHOOD AND WOMANHOOD (CBMW) IN LOUISVILLE KENTUCKY.

Spending some time in a different Christian sub-culture can be very helpful for many reasons. It provides an opportunity to learn from others. It helps us consider on our own priorities in ministry. It encourages us to reflect on why we do ministry the way we do it. It also challenges us about the way we communicate what we believe and what we say to others.

I definitely found this to be the case at the CBMW conference. And the following are 4 reflections that I'd like to share with you now:

(i) Firstly, the conference style was different to any Christian conference I have attended (or organised) over the past 36 years as a Christian. Day 1 went from 12 noon to 6:30pm, and in that time we heard 15 talks and 3 testimonies. Day 2 began with a women's only conference, which consisted of 5 talks and a panel. Then the conference continued with 4 more talks and finished at 12 noon. So

over a 24 hour period we heard 24 talks, 3 testimonies, and a panel. Not surprisingly, then, the testimonies were brief, about 10 minutes each, and the majority of the talks were only about 15 minutes long, with a few talks being 30-40 minutes each.

It was helpful for Tara and I to reflect on this format—and I'm keen to continue reflecting on it—and whether it would ever be a good format to have for a Priscilla & Aquila Centre conference. At this stage I'm not convinced about having this format for the whole conference, but it's been good to think through why we have the style of conferences we do, with the lengths of talks and the number of speakers, how we can help people learn in the best way possible

from God's word and from other Christians, and how we can expose delegates to different ideas and resources that will help train and equip them in the various ministries they're serving in, etc.

(ii) The second thing that stood out to me was, 'How are people hearing us as we speak about complementarianism?' All too often we are heard simply to say that men and women have mainly separate ministries with little or no time spent on thinking about the ministries men and women can do together. We can also give the impression that complementarianism is simply negative, with an emphasis on what women may not do: e.g. women may *not* be ordained as a presbyter, women may *not* preach to a mixed congregation. Surely our complementarianism is more positive than that and so we need to explain why it is good and not just right, the freedom and flourishing it promotes for both men and women,

the opportunities that it provides for us to rejoice in the way God has made us equal but different. It is a dangerous parody when complementarianism is explained or heard as simply an instruction for women to submit and men to lead.

(iii) A real highlight of the conference for me was the opportunity to meet other women involved in theological education around the world and to hear about the programs they have developed for female students and student wives. We are always wanting to strengthen what we have at Moore

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for our female students and student wives, so it was good to hear from these women.

(iv) Hearing godly wisdom from the women's panel (Candi Finch, Mary Kassian, Jackie Hill-Perry and Amanda Peacock) about what it looks like to be a Christian woman in today's world was great, and it was good to hear what God has done in these different women's lives. Ligon Duncan's talk was also wise and calm and showed evidence of trust in God's word and also many years of pastoral care for people. Amongst other things in his talk, he urged us as men and women (i) to live lives that show the beauty of complementarity; (ii) to be praying about this issue; (iii) as we teach on it to ensure we are teaching God's word; (iv) not to over-react on this issue and so restrict women, or say that all men have authority when it is only some men who do; (v) to be firm in your commitment to complementarianism but be extremely loving—hold the truth in love.

Susan An

Bachelor of Divinity 2016

I CAME TO STUDY AT MOORE TO BE BETTER EQUIPPED TO SERVE GOD IN VOCATIONAL MINISTRY.

I had just completed my ministry apprenticeship and I knew that I was in desperate need of more training. The fact that I could study at one of the most challenging theological colleges, with a sterling reputation, in my home town, was an added bonus!

My time at Moore did all that I had hoped to do and more. I was expecting to study the Bible in the original languages and become more

confident in understanding it. College definitely did that! But my knowledge of God and understanding of ministry was deepened in ways that I had never imagined. My mind was pushed, prodded and expanded into areas of thinking that I never would have been able to do by myself. In doctrine we delved into theological debates that are millennia old on the person and being of Jesus. In philosophy I learned about empiricism and scepticism that shapes so much of modern thinking today. In church history I learned about faithful men and women who fought long and hard to maintain the apostolic preaching of God's Word and the price they paid to do so.

There were definitely challenging times and sometimes I questioned why we were being taught certain things, only appreciating the reasons much later. It was humbling when I realised that people who have had decades more ministry experience than me sat down and designed a program to train me so that I could go the distance in ministry.

Another bonus of Moore was that I met godly men and women who became very close friends. Friends (and now colleagues!) who listened to me patiently as I

tried to think out loud and make sense of the complex ideas that we were learning about. Friends who prayed with me, challenged me and rebuked me when I made mistakes. They also encouraged me and made me laugh when I was feeling particularly overwhelmed. Friends that now I can call if I need any help with anything!

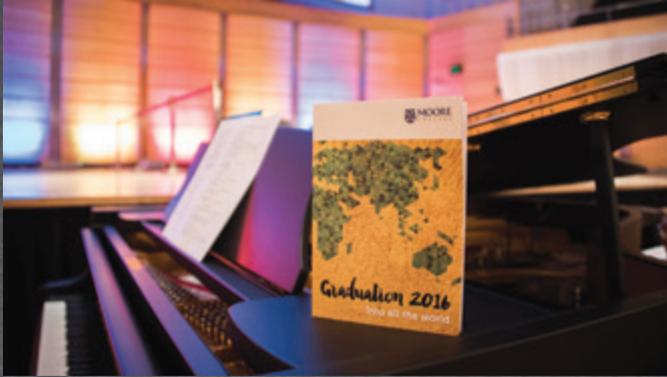
Although I have been in full time vocational ministry for a short time since college, I already see the benefits of my time at Moore. Like most other jobs, ministry can be quite fast paced, and I don't often have as long as I would like to think through challenging theological and pastoral situations. But the foundations I have learned at Moore mean that I have a firm basis from which I can make decisions, because I have already thought about it while at college. If I happen to encounter any potential issues that I have not yet thought about, I also have the confidence to know that I have been taught the framework to think them through. If all else fails, I know who to call for help!

I am so thankful for my time at Moore—it was an immense privilege to sit under the teaching of such godly men and women. I remember pinching myself in first year thinking, how did I get so lucky, to be able to think about our wonderful God all day and call that a 'job'? I am also thankful that Moore will continue, long after me, training future men and women in ministry, and passing on important doctrines the way they have with me.



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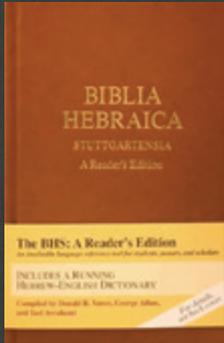
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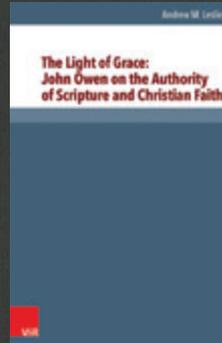
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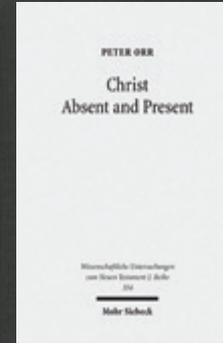
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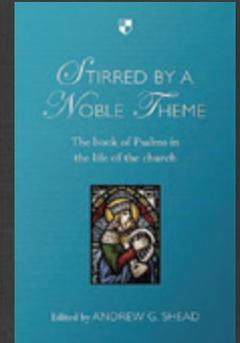
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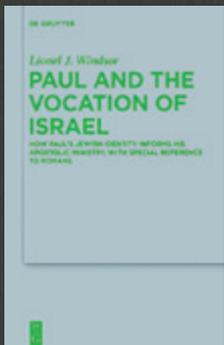
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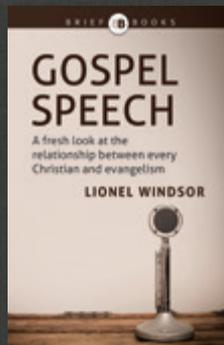
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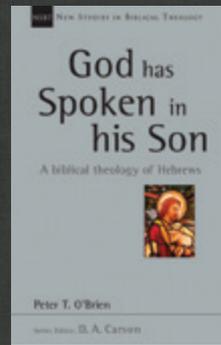
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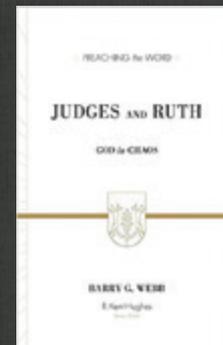
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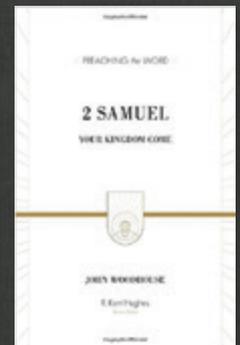
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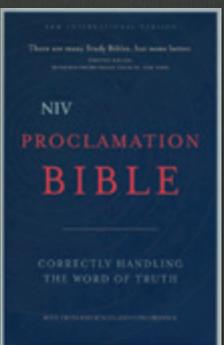


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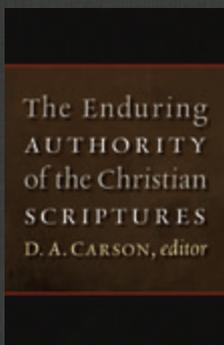


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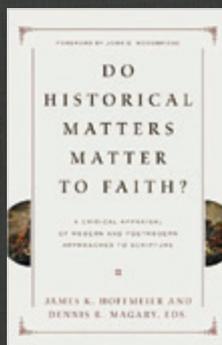
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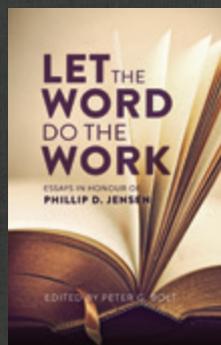
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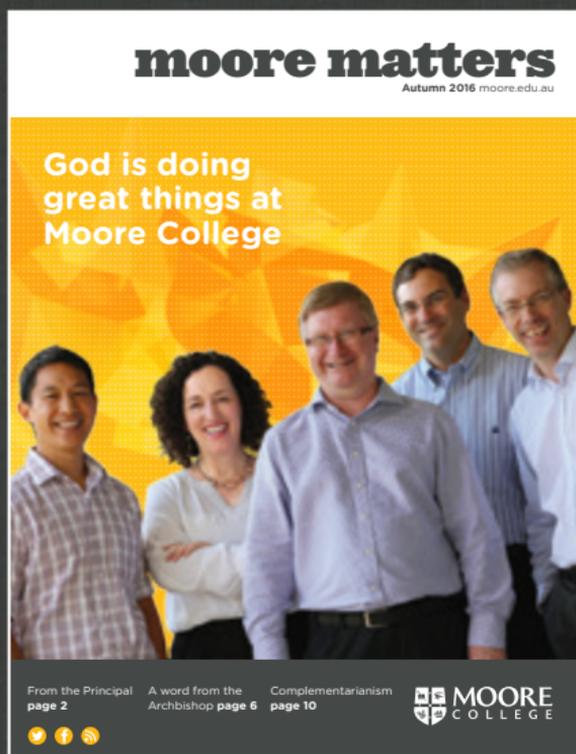
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