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Prayer Support Dinner



On Thursday 9 October around sixty people gathered in the T C Hammond Common Room at Moore College for the Prayer Support Dinner. This dinner was a wonderful opportunity for men and women who support the College in prayer to get together, to encourage others to join in that task, and to thank those who have been our faithful partners in prayer. The dinner was hosted by the Prayer Support Group, a group of women which has been meeting for more than fifty years to pray for the College and its needs.

A number of students—Tim and Siew Mun Nicholls, Sarah Weber, Hank Lee and Mickey and Ellie Mantle—were interviewed on the night. It was a great encouragement to hear how God has been working in their lives to bring them to College from many different places and to hear about their plans to serve God in Sydney, Geelong, Malaysia and the UK. Members of the Prayer Support Group prayed for these students and the Principal, Mark Thompson, gave a brief address in which he called on us to pray for four things in particular:

1. **The extraordinary group of men and women God has brought to us as students;**
2. **Our global opportunities as more and more doors are opening for our graduates in Australia and overseas;**
3. **Our exciting new faculty who have already made a remarkable contribution to our community life and our teaching; and**
4. **Our new building, which will enable us to be more effective in the task of growing together in the knowledge of God in order to serve God's people.**

Many long-time prayers, including Barbara Collins who has been part of the Prayer Support Group since 1970, joined with newer members to encourage each other in this important ministry. Those who took up the opportunity to have a tour around the College grounds found that a real highlight in helping them to better understand the needs of the College at this time.

The Prayer Support Group, a group of women which has been meeting for more than fifty years.

The work of preparing men and women to take the gospel to the world is critical and strategic but it will only be effective under the blessing of God. It is God who saves people and knits them into the fellowship of his people. We pray because we know that we cannot do it ourselves and we need his work drawing people to College to study, using his word to shape hearts and minds while they are here, and sending people out to the vast variety of ministries in which our graduates serve around the world.

The Prayer Support Group meets five times each year in the Principal's garden to pray for students, staff, faculty and all that is happening at College. Our upcoming meeting dates are:

- ▶ **Monday 23 February 2015**
- ▶ **Monday 4 May 2015**
- ▶ **Monday 20 July 2015**
- ▶ **Monday 14 September 2015**
- ▶ **Monday 2 November 2015**

If you would like to join us, contact Kathryn Thompson on 9577 9999 or email kathryn.thompson@moore.edu.au

Kathryn Thompson

Praying for Moore College

Moore College faculty, students and staff depend upon and are greatly encouraged by the faithful prayers of our friends and supporters. If you would like to pray for the College, either on your own or with a group, we have a number of ways to assist you in knowing how to pray for us.

- **Quarterly Prayer Bulletin.** To receive a printed copy, please email your name and address to prayer@moore.edu.au or call 02 9577 9999. Alternatively, you can subscribe by email at moore.edu.au/bulletin. You can also subscribe to receive the Quarterly Prayer Bulletins in an App (for Android, iPhone, iPad and iPod Touch) called **PrayerMate**.

- **Monthly Prayer Points** are available on the Moore College website. Visit moore.edu.au/prayerpoints or you could subscribe to receive these monthly prayer points by signing up at moore.edu.au/prayerlist.

- **Facebook or Twitter.** To receive daily prayer points simply like us on Facebook ([facebook.com/mooretheologicalcollege](https://www.facebook.com/mooretheologicalcollege)) or follow us on Twitter (twitter.com/MooreCollege).

- **Prayer Support Group.** All women are invited to join the group of women from all over Sydney who meet together to pray for the College. The group meets five times a year on Monday mornings from 10-11.45am at the Principal's residence, 7 Carillon Avenue, Newtown (children welcome).

For more information about the Prayer Support Group or praying for Moore College in general, please email Kathryn Thompson on kathryn.thompson@moore.edu.au.

God's Great Plan

Dr Mark Thompson



Welcome to the latest edition of *Moore Matters*. Thank you for your continued interest in and support of our College. We especially value your prayers for us at what is a very busy time of year, made more so by the wonderfully exciting changes that are happening all around us at the moment.

As we move forward with new opportunities, new faces and new facilities, it is critical that we recognise that God's great plan is for men and women from every ethnic group and language, every age and location, to be gathered around the throne on the last day together praising the salvation he has accomplished in his Son. God is doing his work and we have the privilege of participating in it as an act of his sheer grace.

In the College chapel we have been working our way through the apostle Paul's great letter to the Romans. We are just about to reach one of the great exhortations to keep our focus and realise what matters most in chapter 10:

*For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.
How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed?
And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard?
And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent?*

Please enjoy reading news of the College and some thought-provoking articles in this edition of *Moore Matters*. As you do, please pray that your College will keep this focus and continue to prepare men and women for a lifetime of speaking about Jesus. Please pray too that the Lord will continue to provide us with the resources to do that work well.

Is there a Prince of Peace?

Dr Peter Bolt, Head of Department of New Testament and Greek

'Why do the nations rage, and the peoples plot in vain?' (Ps. 2:1).

As Christmas 2014 approaches, the vanity of raging nations presses upon us as our senses are bombarded with daily news of the horrors in the Middle East. The language of 'evil' has once again gained currency in the usually tolerant West. As believers are driven from their homes, and others killed, because they bear his name, Christians have now been recognised as the world's most persecuted. Indeed, the kings of the earth have banded together against the Lord and his anointed (Ps. 2:2), as they rage against his people.

Is it the last days? Has the world finally seen evil and named it for what it is, but now it is too late to do anything about it? Has the apocalypse arrived? The Beast arisen from the sea? Is the great dragon ready to sweep the nations aside with his tail? Is his anger now being poured out against Christ's people? (Revelation 12)

But there is nothing new in all this.

Jesus described our sad world as always being the same: kingdom against kingdom, nation against nation, war and famine and pestilence to

follow. Daniel before him described human history as one long battle between one bloodthirsty beast after another (Dan 7).

Ancient Israel knew the horrors of super-powers raging against one another backwards and forwards across Israel's tiny piece of territory. Egypt, Assyria, and Babylon battled it out, one beast against another; and there was more of the same to come when their blood was also spilled.

As Rome swept across the first-century world it seemed like the end had come. Its military muscle brought 'the peace of Rome', but at the expense of freedom. By the end of the first-century almost everyone could see that Rome was irresistible. The end of the world as they knew it had come. The apocalypse.

Daniel's prophecy focused expectation. Into the maelstrom of earthly kingdoms asserting their muscle over their petty but bloodthirsty rivalries, came 'one like a son of man' (Dan 7:13). He came to the Ancient of Days and received the kingdom of God, which he then shared out with his people. Here is Jesus Christ

foreshadowed in apocalyptic vision.

Why did 'the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain'? They stood around the cross and mocked this broken man. If only he would get down off the cross they would believe. Jew and Gentile combined to orchestrate that moment of barbaric horror. Three days later when he broke open his grave, the nations raged again. A man had risen from the dead, and the kings of the earth took their stand to bribe those who had

seen it, to say that they had not. The nations plotted in vain to silence the news that could not be silenced, the Son of Man had come to the ancient of days. The kingdom of God was now his. The nations would now fall before him at the news that they could be forgiven, because of the one they had killed.

Kingdom will rise against kingdom, and nation against nation. The newspapers tell of a world in chaos. The newspapers have always told that sad tale.

But Christmas brings good news. The Prince of Peace has come. And that is news of great joy.

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Chaplains Ministering in the Public Square

David Pettett Th L 1978

Chaplains who minister in prisons and hospitals minister in the public square. This is ministry in hard places which are sometimes hard or even impossible for the average parish minister to get into. The Chaplain enters these places with the understanding that they are places which are not owned by Christians. They are places into which they may be invited but where all ideas and philosophies are welcomed with equal scepticism.

But they are also places where people are hurting and want to discover some meaning to life. People in hard places are often asking questions about where God is or why a God of love allows people to suffer. Sometimes, for a convicted criminal, the question is, 'How can I be forgiven?'

To answer these hard questions requires theological understanding combined with pastoral care for the person asking the question. Binding these two together is an awareness of self. It is possible for the well-trained theologian to give a correct theological answer without a real awareness of how this may impact the hurting person. It is possible for the person with a pastoral heart to show care but give no real help. Self-awareness enables the Chaplain to be conscious of their own agenda and thereby (hopefully) not impose it on the hurting person. Truth expressed that does not also acknowledge the reality of pain (even if the Chaplain doesn't understand it) is never owned by the sufferer. Truth expressed that does not communicate value and love to the hurting person only adds to the hurt and pain. On the flip side, the person who is full of care for those who suffer but does not know how to bring the truth of God to bear in a meaningful way leaves the sufferer in great despair.

A competent pastor is a well-trained theologian who demonstrates the compassion of Jesus. Moore College has created a fourth year Pastoral Ministry elective to facilitate this. In addition, its Centre for Ministry

Development has worked with the Anglicare chaplaincy team to develop a new course in Community Chaplaincy which frames a theologically shaped chaplaincy program with the centrepiece being a practicum. With decades of pastoral experience in hospitals, prisons, mental health and aged care, combined with considered theological reflection on hard pastoral issues, the team has put together a course that helps pastors to integrate theology and practice. A competent pastor will be a person whose theology and pastoral practice inform each other. Sometimes theologians get it wrong because they haven't worked out how to communicate God's truth to people in hard places. People with a highly developed sense of compassion can also get it wrong because their compassion isn't informed by Bible truth.

Kate Bradford, a chaplain at the Children's Hospital Westmead and at Moore College, has developed an 'Architecture of Chaplaincy' which teaches pastors to allow their theology to inform their practice in the real world, and instils a practice of constant reflection on theology and practice so that the two become intertwined. The aim is to see that the Word of God has meaningful interaction with hurting people in the public square.

The Christian pastor needs to stand firmly and deeply in the Christian tradition. Otherwise there is nothing of eternal value to say to the hurting person and no words to speak into the public space. In Kate and in Stuart Adamson, who teaches pastoral care to our Chaplains and volunteers, we have an excellent team teaching Christian men and women how to do the incredibly difficult work of speaking the gospel into a hurting world which believes less and less that Christians have anything meaningful to say to it.

David is the Manager, Diocesan Chaplaincy, Anglicare.



A big year of adjustment

Michelle Gerungan (First Year)

There were so many aspects of Moore that I greatly admired before coming into College, and these aspects still hold true today. Its dedication to teach faithfully, its efforts to challenge students, its desire to see them mature and its whole-hearted commitment to preparing students for life and ministry. Also, the kind of graduates the College produced were so obvious in their dedication and faithfulness to the work and glory of God. They were the kind of people that I respected as they led a life totally devoted to Jesus.

My first year has been a big year of adjusting and there were some moments when I found College really difficult. My emotions could swing from one extreme to another on any given day. I felt the highs of meeting new people, but the lows of envy and comparison. The wonders of being reminded that Jesus has redeemed me from the pits of sin and depravity, to the deep disappointment of realizing that I was once more counting on myself. Uplifted by our lecturers' prayers and daily chapel, but then disheartened that this encouragement was short-lived when overtaken by worldly desires. I side with what a friend said to me months ago, that we aren't just learning the Bible, we're also learning about ourselves. Despite all this, though, I sincerely enjoy College. Yes, it can be hard, challenging, even taxing—but it's also fruitful and worthwhile. I feel the privilege of this

season in life to be able to study the Bible.

I'm taking these next years at College to find out more of the different ministries I can be involved in and what my passions and skills are. Currently, I'm looking into ministry outside NSW, perhaps in another capital city. No matter where I end up, I just hope to be a fruitful tree.



Returning to the UK

Mark Rainbow (Fourth Year)

Seven weeks after our wedding, my wife Sarah and I moved from Durham in the UK to Sydney, so that I could begin the Bachelor of Divinity at Moore. That was nearly four years ago, and so the time has come for us to return to the UK. In his providence, God is returning us to Durham, where I will be serving as an Assistant Minister at Christchurch Durham, a growing Anglican Evangelical church with a ministry to both local people, and the 12,000 students at Durham University.

Christchurch has been very blessed by the ministry at Moore, with current faculty Peter Orr and Lionel Windsor and their families both being part of the congregation while they were completing their PhDs at the university, and several other links to various people associated with the College. We feel very blessed to have spent four productive years growing in our knowledge of God here at College, and serving amongst his people at St Matthias, Centennial Park. Sarah has worked part time, but has also taken part in the Moore College Evening Course on a Tuesday evening, as well as MooreWomen events at other times in the week. This has meant that we both feel better equipped to serve God on our return to the North East of England.

While many areas of the UK are well served by evangelical churches, the North East has been a relatively barren place for the gospel. However, in God's kindness several new ministries, including Christchurch, have begun in the last 10 years or so, adding to the faithful ministry being undertaken in a handful of churches over a longer period. Our prayer is that, if God wills it, he might use us to serve in the area for the considerable future, proclaiming Christ to those who are perishing without knowledge of him.



An abundance of opportunities for gospel growth

Hank Lee (Fourth Year)

With the support and encouragement of my local church, I came to Moore College to be further trained for a lifetime of serving Christ our Lord. The past four years have been full of blessings and pleasant surprises: the stimulating lectures, fun lunchtime conversations, encouraging prayer groups, soul-stirring chapels, and always entertaining touch football games, to name just a few highlights of College off the top of my head.

Among other things, I had two prayer points as I prepared to come to College: to become a faithful listener and doer of God's word, and to develop life-long gospel partnerships that will spur one another on for many years to come. And I'm deeply thankful that God has answered my prayers. By no means have I figured everything out, and the task that is set before me is overwhelming at times. But the gospel fellowship in this College community who love God, his people and his world for the last four years, has deepened my trust in the word of God, and joy in serving him as my Lord. Rubbing shoulders and sharing lives with brothers and sisters whose foremost concern is to seek first God's Kingdom has been an enormous privilege. I have been humbled, encouraged, and challenged by it each day.

Under God's providence, I am going back to my home church at St. Andrew's Enfield & Strathfield Anglican church next year to work as a full-time assistant minister. There is an abundance of opportunities for gospel growth, and I am excited to partner with the church in building God's people and reaching the unreached.

I am deeply grateful that College has taught me that theology is for the service and love of God's people, and helped me to delight in God's word all the more, which does not happen naturally for me. By God's grace, I now hope to serve those whom God has given under my care to also grow in the love and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.



Building on our Heritage

Dr Mark Thompson

I've always been a fan of history. I remember many years ago reading Lily Tomlin's quip 'Maybe if we listened to it, history would stop repeating itself'. She was right. We need to know and understand history in order not to repeat the mistakes of those who have gone before us. In Christian terms, it is true that there are very few 'new' heresies.

Most of the missteps made by Christian teachers today have been made before and answered before. So knowing Christian history is not just a matter of avoiding the mistakes that others have made but of knowing how to answer those mistakes when they resurface in slightly different dress today or tomorrow.

History is important too because it gives us a sense of perspective. The great German literary genius Goethe is reported to have said, 'he who cannot draw on three thousand years is living from hand to mouth'. Though somewhat enigmatic, the big idea is clear enough—our heritage is

valuable, a rich storehouse of wisdom and experience that we can draw upon only if we take the time to get to know it. Knowing it can help us tell the difference between truth that has proven its worth and faddishness.

History also gives us an identity. The stories we tell of our family and our own lives help to locate us and define us. They enable us to know who we are. I am Don and Margaret's son. I'm Kathryn's husband. I'm the father of four girls. I was part of the year that went through Moore College between 1983 and 1986 (straddling the principalships of Broughton Knox and Peter Jensen). I'm the one who spent three years of his life in Oxford studying Luther's doctrine of Scripture. My story helps to make sense of me. It goes at least some way to explaining why I am the way I am. Reading Christian biographies and getting to know the history of the evangelical movement and the churches in Sydney is like taking the time to flick through the family photo album. It reminds us of who we are.

It is important for us to know our history well, especially because the rewriting or revision of history is

a weapon commonly used by those seeking to undermine the status quo or change public opinion. Sometimes, of course, such revision is a good and healthy thing. Since history is most often written by the victors, an opportunity to view events from the other side can lead to more careful judgments. But often revisionism has its own agenda, legitimising a change of direction or encouraging some distance from what have been cherished commitments. Rewriting history has been an important part of the strategy adopted by advocates of cultural change in Australia over the past couple of decades. It

ought to be no surprise that the churches don't always fare well in such revisions. What's more, readers of *Moore Matters* who are Sydney Anglicans will know this tactic well. Accounts of our history have been

published which many of us, even those who played a part in the events being recounted, do not recognise at all. Most often these accounts simply fail to understand what makes us

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tick—that passionate commitment to proclaiming the biblical gospel of Christ crucified and risen to a world lost without him, which has been part of our DNA from the beginning.

It is that gospel DNA which explains the distinctiveness of Moore College and our ongoing commitment to the teaching of Scripture, the centrality of Christ, and the urgency of evangelism and world mission. We rejoice in our history and we thank God for the faithful gospel men and women God has raised up over the past two hundred and twenty years to serve the cause of Christ in this part of the world and particularly in our College. We are not going to disown our heritage any time soon. But we plan to build on it—to reach out more widely, with our graduates prepared to go throughout Sydney, across Australia and around the world to proclaim Christ and to serve his people.

Thank you for your prayers, encouragement and financial support as we seek to prepare men and women as thoroughly and effectively as possible for biblical, gospel-focussed ministry in all the world over their entire lives. Thank you for allowing us to work alongside you. And thank you for those reminders we are given from time to time of the remarkable and totally undeserved evangelical heritage which God has given us in this part of the world and in our College. What a wonderfully exciting opportunity we have before us.



Tara Stenhouse

Dean of Women, Lectures in Ministry



Who's in your family?

I grew up in beautiful Wollongong, with my mum, dad, and brother. A step-father, step-siblings and a half-sister were acquired along the way! My mum died of cancer when I was 20, which was incredibly difficult but also life-changing. It was then that I realised that all that matters in life is that people come to know and trust Jesus as their Lord, which is what happened to my mum in

her last months—praise God! I had an extended season of singleness (relatively speaking) until I met Ian in my early 40s. We've been married for 3 years and live in Randwick, where Ian is the senior minister of Randwick Presbyterian Church—so as well as serving at Moore I'm also a minister's wife! We love our church family, which is all-age and multi-cultural, with people coming and going all the time, reflecting the high turnover nature of Randwick, close to hospitals, a university, the beach and the city.

How do you enjoy spending your leisure time?

Ian and I both love the South Coast so we escape to our house at beautiful Callala Bay as often as we can. After a good sleep-in and a bit of a read I love a peaceful walk on Callala Beach and a swim in summer—or even a kayak up the river (Ian's love for the outdoors has begun to influence me!). The Marsala Chai is fantastic at the Berry Tea shop and the Bliss Burger at Pilgrim's café in Huskisson is delicious—drinking chai and eating good food, including chocolate, makes for the perfect day. We often

catch up with my dad on the way back through Wollongong. Our most popular holiday spot is Melbourne, usually during the Australian Open in January, where we also catch up with my brother and nephew.

What's your favourite sport?

My most favourite sport is snow skiing, which I do very little of now, but grew up doing each winter with my dad. During my long service leave a few years ago I spent two weeks in Whistler, Canada at a ski improvement camp, which was a blast—the fresh powder snow was incredible! My next favourite sport is tennis, although I haven't played for a while, partly because my serve is struggling to the point of embarrassment!—so I'm going to have a few lessons over the summer to get back on track to play more regularly. I've been trying to regularly jog with a few students at College, using the 'Couch to 5K' program, but things have been pretty busy lately. As you can see, I'm struggling with making time for regular exercise at the moment!

What work were you doing before you joined the Moore College faculty?

Before working at Moore I had my dream job—I was the women's pastor and trainer with Campus Bible Study and Unichurch (at the University of New South Wales), for 9 years. I loved hanging out on the uni campus in cafés reading the Bible,

praying, and sharing life with female ministry apprentices, Bible study leaders and unbelievers. Regular one-to-one ministry is something I miss enormously, as well as the more relational, organic training that happens as you do life together.

Describe your role as Dean of Women at Moore College.

I've been employed as a faculty member in the Ministry department and as the Dean of Women since 2009. My role as Dean of Women continues to evolve, especially as I take on more teaching—next year I'll be adding in teaching church history in our two diplomas. As the Dean of Women I oversee the pastoral care of our female undergraduate students, in partnership with our thirteen wonderful female chaplains and the male faculty. These chaplains are amazingly godly, gifted, wise, and mature, and are experienced in a wide variety of different ministries. I'm thankful for their model to the students at College and the way they work alongside the male faculty in our chaplaincy groups and on College mission, modelling complementarian ministry. My role also involves overseeing our women's chapels, an opportunity to build the fellowship of female students at College. The students teach one another, lead,

pray, and serve each other in these chapels. It is encouraging to be taught and led by these godly and gifted women whom God is raising up and equipping. I'm excited to see where God is taking these women, their courage for the gospel, and the variety of ministries they serve in post-College. The third area of my Dean of Women role is as the Warden of Carillon House, our residential College for women. My hope is that Carillon House will be a wonderful place to live (although having 49 flatmates does make this a bit tricky at times!). Overall I aim to be an advocate for the female students, so that we are continuing to improve how we care for and train the many women God is sending to Moore. I'd also like to pray more for the women around College, taking more seriously the important ministry of prayer. I'd love you to pray that I'd prioritise setting aside more time to pray.

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What is your favourite bible verse and why?

I don't have one favourite Bible verse, because it is so full of precious, life-giving words—it really depends on what I've been reading lately. Philippians 4:4-7 has struck me recently—God has shown me that I've been holding on to the worries in my life, feeling quite overwhelmed, rather

than turning them over to Him in prayer, with thanksgiving. It seems so obvious, but it has made such a difference to spend time turning my worries into prayers, and to praise God for all that I have to be thankful about.

Who is or has been the most influential person in your life and why?

My best friend, Ali, has been enormously influential in my life. As a teenager she prayed for me to become a Christian and God answered that prayer! All my Christian life I have watched her and learnt from her what it means to follow Jesus—she is incredibly generous and loving and focussed on serving Jesus. She has supported and cared and prayed for me for over 25 years. Phillip Jensen has also greatly influenced my life. He taught me God's Word for many years and is a model of bold proclamation of the gospel as well as wise and loving pastoral care. Phillip encouraged, trained, and cared for me as a university student, ministry apprentice, women's pastor, and now College lecturer. He has valued me as a woman in ministry and given me wonderful opportunities at the University of New South Wales to be employed in full-time vocational ministry. His model of proactively recruiting and training women for a lifetime of ministry is astounding and has shaped my love of women's ministry, one-to-one ministry, and raising up women to be part of God's mission.



What's happening with the new building?

A report from Cam Capel

I have now been at the College for over 3 years, which is hard to believe, as it has gone so quickly. My responsibility is to oversee the various administrative aspects of the College as we get on with the critical task of preparing men and women for taking the gospel out from Sydney to the world. Our College is blessed with a truly gifted and committed staff. It is a rather complex organisation and the demands upon its staff have been very heavy at times, especially over the last year. Nevertheless, through perseverance and teamwork, they have enabled us to make significant strides forward as we prepare for one of the biggest changes in our history.

By the time you read this we expect to have started (or be very close to starting) construction on the new Main Campus Complex at Newtown. This is an ambitious project, but one that is desperately needed. Our commitment to learning in community, giving time and space for growing in the knowledge of God, demands more study space, more learning space and more administrative space.

We have been working hard over the last three years to see the dream of a new building which would meet this need realised. Over that time we have kept refining the original design so that it better meets our needs and is more affordable. We have managed to increase the useable floor area, while

reducing construction floor area and reducing the overall cost by 22%. A highly professional and experienced team of people have been working on this and the result will be spectacular. The first stage of the Newtown Campus Master Plan, which Doug Marr worked so hard to get approved, is about to be realised and it will enable us to serve the churches and the cause of Christ more effectively in the years ahead.

The scaffolding is about to go up and demolition of the old Master Builders Association building is about to commence. What will it look like in the end?

It will house the largest and best theological research library in the Southern Hemisphere, with study desks

and collaborative study spaces for around 250 people. It will provide an auditorium that will seat more than 400 people and a collection of tutorial and seminar rooms and casual meeting areas. The faculty, currently scattered all over the campus in five different buildings, will be brought together into one building. Then there will be office space, hopefully enabling student services and other administrative staff to come together in one place. Finally, there will be space for other Christian organisations to locate themselves in close proximity to the College, its faculty and its students. A number of diocesan organisations are currently considering the operational synergies that would come from being located in the Moore College Main Campus Complex.

This is a huge step forward for our College. It will help us function as a theological resource, not just for our students but for all the churches of our diocese and, indeed, Christians right across the city. We are hoping, too, that scholars and students from around the world will be attracted to Moore College in even greater numbers and will enrich our community by studying with us.

In the 1850s the original College buildings were built surrounding Thomas Moore's old cottage in Liverpool. In the late 1880s the College



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moved to Newtown and a great deal of building work was done. In the 1920s a house was built for the Principal and in the 1940s new accommodation for students was opened on the Newtown site. In the 1950s the Cash Chapel was opened. In the 1960s the College Dining Room building was opened. Properties for married students were purchased throughout the 1960s and 70s and the Master Builders' Association Building was purchased in the late 1970s. Then, in 1994, the Broughton Knox Teaching Centre was opened. Now we have embarked upon this new and incredibly significant endeavour, one which will provide for our needs for decades to come. Our College is constantly growing and its vision is a global one. Now is the time for this project and it is truly exciting to see it all coming together.

All that has been done and is being done has only been possible by the grace of God and through the generosity of his people. That was true in the beginning when Thomas Moore provided the resources to found the College. It has been true every step of

the way and is true again now. We are exceedingly grateful to the Diocese of Sydney for making this project a priority throughout the last decade. Through the generosity of the Diocese it became possible to conceive of a project on this scale which would so magnificently meet the needs of training now and into the future. Other generous friends have taken us a long way further down the road.

As I write, we already have \$14 million of the \$20 million which has been our fundraising target. We are trusting that God will provide what is left through the continued generosity of his people. He has provided all of the College's needs for more than 150 years in answer to our prayers. Will you be part of the answer to today's prayers?

Alongside all of this much else has been happening. The College is moving forward on so many fronts it is hard to keep it all in our heads! Our Distance Education courses have been improved and reworked with the Introduction to Theological Studies

(ITS) and the new PTC and Moore Access providing even more people with fresh and better access to the teaching that has made the College known around the world. We've continued work on the rest of our campus—or rather all three of them, including But-Har-Gra in Croydon and Moore West at Parramatta—maintaining and improving them so that students and faculty can live alongside each other, sharing their lives and their faith with one another.

Our library has relocated as it awaits the construction of its new home (what a mammoth job that was!). The College's three centres, the Priscilla and Aquila Centre, the Centre for Christian Living, and the new Centre for Ministry Development, all continue to thrive and break new ground. Our Information Systems have been expanding at a phenomenal rate.

It has been a remarkable three years. Moore College is an exciting place with loads of energy being released in all of these directions. It has been a privilege working here and with such a team. But the most exciting days most certainly lie ahead. In all the change, though, one thing remains constant. We are here to serve our gracious and loving God by equipping men and women to know him better and to share the knowledge of God with others. In all this we entrust ourselves to God and rely upon you to partner with us in the many ways you do. Thank you.

Cam Capel

Priscilla and Aquila Centre



Thank you to those who have prayed for the Priscilla & Aquila Centre over 2014. God has answered many prayers, and we value your partnership again as we look forward to 2015. The following are just a couple of snap shots of some of the things P&A has been involved in, and some of the plans for 2015.

Old Testament Seminars

At times it can be confusing when some parts of the Old Testament seem to be quite negative about women. To bring some clarity to this confusion, the P&A Centre decided to host evening seminars in 2014, and hopes to continue this in 2015, for men and women looking at some Old Testament passages and themes. In June this year, George Athas addressed the extremely sensitive and important issue of what the Old Testament says about rape. Understandably George said it was the hardest talk he had ever had to prepare. Many men and women said afterwards how helpful they found it, how clear it was, and how pastoral George was. In September, Peter Jensen looked at Eve being the mother of all the living and whether she is the source of all evil. Several people commented that it

made them realize we hardly ever hear or give talks on Eve, and that it made them think about things they hadn't thought of before. Both these talks may be suitable for your Bible Study group, or other ministry group, to watch and discuss. The mp3s and videos of both George and Peter's talks are available at moore.edu.au/paa/papers-and-talks.

The evening seminars we have planned for 2015 will be looking at the following topics: 'Language for God in the Old Testament' (David Höhne); 'Were Adam and Eve historical figures and does it matter?' (Andrew Leslie); 'Ezekiel and shame' (Dan Wu); and 'Mary' (Peter Jensen). These will be advertised in due course at moore.edu.au/paa/news-events.

Postgraduate Study for Women at Moore

The P&A Centre encourages women to pursue post-graduate study at Moore. In 2014 there were over 12 women pursuing an MA (Theology). This course is specifically designed for men and women in pastoral ministry, and these women are involved in various ministries, including parish, school chaplaincy, and hospital chaplaincy. Currently there is one woman, Beth Webb, pursuing a Master of Theology (MTh). Beth's MTh is looking at Biblical theology and allegorical readings of Scripture. In the future Beth and her

husband Paul hope to pursue overseas mission work. The P&A Centre is also in partnership with Rebekah Earnshaw, who recently began PhD studies in Scotland looking at 'Calvin on providence in his work on Genesis'. If you would like to support either Beth or Rebekah (financially and/or in prayer), further details can be found at moore.edu.au/paa/partners.

For further details about post-graduate study at Moore, go to moore.edu.au/paa/postgrad-study.

Ministry Positions for Women

Despite some saying there are no ministry positions for women, there have been many opportunities throughout 2014. In fact, there were more positions than female students at College. Whenever I hear of them, I email all of the female students at Moore, and other women who have asked to be on the email list, and also upload details here: moore.edu.au/paa/positions-vacant.

Building the church as men and women: 1 Corinthians 11 & 14 conference

We're very pleased that Danny Rurlander, a graduate of Moore who is ministering in the north of England, has accepted our invitation to come and speak at our annual conference next February. There are a number of men and women giving electives. For further details and to register, go to moore.edu.au/paa/news-events.

*Jane Tooher,
Director Priscilla and Aquila Centre*



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Archbishop of Sydney

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Tim and Siew Mun Nicholls, 4th and 1st year students who were interviewed at the Prayer Support Dinner. On completion of their studies, Tim and Siew Mun plan, under God, to head to Malaysia as missionaries.



CONFERENCE

BUILDING THE CHURCH AS MEN AND WOMEN

Monday, 2 February 2015,
9am - 4.45pm



Moore College Knox
Lecture Theatre,
15 King St Newtown

Main speaker:
Danny Rurlander

Main talks:
1 Corinthians 11 & 14

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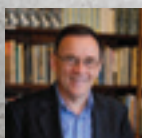
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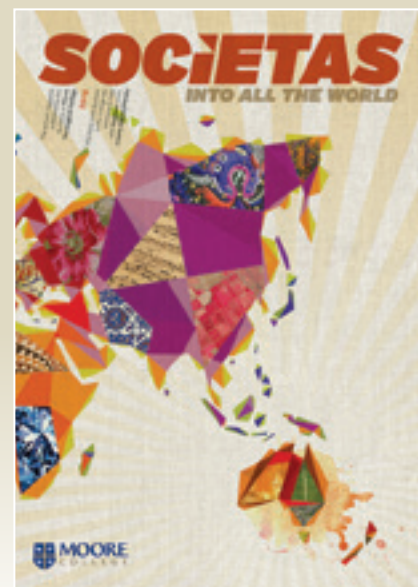
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January 31	Big Day In for First Year Students
February 2	Priscilla and Aquila Conference
February 9	Semester 1 commences
March 16	Graduation at City Recital Hall, Angel Place Sydney
March 22-29	Moore College Missions
May 29	Moore Distance Graduation
August 2	Moore College Sunday
August 7, 10-14	Annual Moore College Lectures. Speaker – Dr KJ Vanhoozer
September 7-11	School of Theology

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