

Tenth Anniversary Campaign

HTC has been in existence for ten years. We have a fine set of buildings, a good number of students, a very capable staff team, a growing library of 45,000 volumes and excellent computer, video-conference and other facilities. We have also been able to meet all of the academic and quality assurance targets which have been presented to us, including Investors in People; Quality Assurance Agency for Scotland Subject Review, UHI Academic Partner Review; degree validations; Aberdeen University PhD accreditation and so on.

Now we are entering a period when we will be giving more attention to the business and financial side of our work. This phase is to be called the 'Tenth Anniversary Campaign' and our target is to raise around £400,000. The Board of Governors of HTC has released me from my normal managerial and teaching duties, for a period of months, in order to focus on development and fund-raising.

As you know, we have had our ups and downs in these ten years and there have been times when, for example, salaries have not been paid or have been paid late. Happily we have had a slightly better year, with fewer difficulties of that nature. At the moment we are close to budget on income and about £18,000 below budget on expenditure, so we are running a tight ship. The underlying problem remains, however, that until we pay off our loan/overdraft, we will continue to have cash flow problems.

We believe that one strong push between now and the end of the summer should enable us to clear our feet and establish a strong financial basis for future development. The real key to long-term sustainability, however, is to continue to increase the number of full-time students.

Please consider making a one-time donation to this 'Tenth Anniversary Campaign', to enable HTC move forward into its next ten years, debt-free and capitalised for growth.

Professor A.T.B. McGowan



Where does HTC's Money come from?

HTC's total income for 2003/2004 was £517,821. That income came from normal college income and from donation income. Here is the breakdown:

Around **60%** of our income comes from the day to day work that we do as a College (57.5% in 2003/2004). For example:

- Income from Student Fees (Scottish Higher Education Funding Council)
- Fees from non-funded students, especially overseas students
- Academic development funding from UHI Millennium Institute
- Income from our Learning Centre courses
- Outside Groups using our conference and meeting facilities

Around **40%** of our income comes from donations. In 2003/2004 this was divided as follows:

- From the United Kingdom - **70%**
- From the USA - **30%**

In 2001/2002 individuals and churches in the USA contributed 39% of total donation income and in 2002/2003 it was 24%.

This donation income comes from a variety of sources. For example:

- Individuals who give regularly, month by month
- Individuals who give one-time gifts
- Tax money returned because individuals used Gift Aid
- Churches which make an annual donation
- Churches which donate monthly
- Trusts and Grant giving bodies

One interesting statistic is that if we were to recruit around 100 full-time students, then we would be virtually self-supporting. Not an impossible target for the next ten years surely?

Where does HTC's Money Go?

There are many costs involved in running a College. Here are just some of them:

- Staff salaries and pensions
- Library books and periodicals
- Heat, light and power
- Building Maintenance
- Rates on the Building
- Insurance
- Print, post and Stationery
- Computers and computer supplies
- Auditors
- Bank costs & Interest
- Advertising and marketing
- Publications and leaflets
- Course Material
- Travel and other expenses

If you would like to see more detail on any of the information above, then please write to Mr Lewis Vernal, College Secretary and he will be happy to send you a copy of the annual audited accounts of the College.

Enclosed with this newsletter is a Gift Aid form. If you decide to make a donation to this 'Tenth Anniversary Appeal' and are a tax payer, then please complete the form (unless you have done so previously). This will increase your donation by 28%.

We do urge you to contribute to this campaign. It would be marvellous if HTC was able to enter the next financial year, in August, debt-free.

If you would like to meet with Professor McGowan to discuss making a donation, or to ask further questions, then please contact his PA, Fiona Smith, to make an appointment. Her telephone number is: 01349-780208. Her e-mail address is: Fiona.smith@htc.uhi.ac.uk

Staff News

Alistair Wilson

It is with great regret but with a profound sense of the call of God, that we announce the departure from HTC of the Rev Dr Alistair Wilson, our lecturer in New Testament. Alistair has been nominated by his denomination, the Free Church of Scotland, for the post of Principal of the Dumisani Theological Institute and Bible School in King William's town on the eastern cape of South Africa. This nomination has been accepted by the Board of Dumisani and he has been duly appointed. He and Jenny and the children expect to move to South Africa in the summer. There will follow an extended hand-over period from the current principal, the Rev Ronald Christie, before Alistair takes up full responsibility in 2006.



Alistair has been a full-time member of staff at HTC since 1996 and has made a huge contribution, not least in his work as Course Leader. He has also been actively involved in the wider academic community, evidenced by his recent appointment as editor of the *Scottish Bulletin of Evangelical Theology*. The Principal of HTC has made it clear that he regards this time in South Africa as a secondment!!

Richard Gibbons

Noel Due having returned to Australia last summer we have been delighted to have the Rev Richard Gibbons join us as a part-time lecturer, covering some of Noel's courses. Richard, a Church of Scotland minister, formerly worked with John Blanchard and with the Billy Graham organisation. He also taught at Glasgow Bible College. He is currently employed by the Church of Scotland as Organiser for Evangelism in the North of Scotland. Richard is also one of our Doctor of Ministry students.



Robert Shillaker

During Professor McGowan's absence on sabbatical and also during his current development and fund-raising work, his teaching has been carried on by Dr Robert Shillaker. Robert is one of our own HTC men, having graduated BA with first class honours before completing his PhD on the work of George Smeaton. He also worked with us for a time in a development and administrative role. His main love, however, is teaching and we are pleased to have him among us again.



New Academic Staff

We are currently searching for two new staff members, one to replace Noel Due as Lecturer in Pastoral Theology and one to replace Alistair Wilson as Lecturer in New Testament. We have recently interviewed three candidates for the New Testament position and expect to make an announcement shortly. The Pastoral Theology position is proving to be more difficult, because we need a good balance of academic qualifications (the successful candidate will need a PhD since the job will involve supervising PhD students) and pastoral experience.

Murray & Bruce Lectures

In October, we successfully inaugurated two annual lectureships to mark our tenth anniversary. The 'John Murray Lecture' was given by Dr Dick Gaffin of Westminster Theological Seminary and the 'F.F. Bruce Lecture' was given by Professor I. Howard Marshall of Aberdeen University. We are happy to report that the next lectures will be delivered on Wednesday 14th December 2005. The 'John Murray Lecture' will be given by Dr Sinclair B. Ferguson of Westminster Theological Seminary and the 'F.F. Bruce Lecture' will be given by Dr David Wenham of Wycliffe Hall in Oxford.

ETS Prague

We were delighted to receive a visit in February from two representatives of the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Prague, Dr Karel Taschner (right, with Professor McGowan) and Mr Marshall Brown. In March this was followed by another visit, from a pastor who also teaches at the Seminary, Pavel Czerny. The purpose of these visits was to discuss ways in which HTC's degree might be accessed by students who have taken some of their studies at ETS but would like to take the BA degree. Various options were discussed, not least the possibilities of web-based or video-conference teaching. All of this is made much easier now that the Czech Republic is part of the European Union. While a number of details still need to be ironed out, we are excited by the prospect of working with ETS and, in this way, of helping the wider work of the church.



Student News

Ian Macaskill

Many congratulations to Ian and Amy Macaskill on the occasion of their recent wedding, taken by Hector Morrison. Ian was one of our first BA graduates.

Derek Thomas

Derek Thomas, our first PhD graduate, was recently appointed Communications Director of the Alliance of Confessing Evangelicals.

Jo Barnard

Jo Barnard, who spent one year at HTC before returning to his studies in the USA, recently graduated from Baylor University and was also married in the summer. Two of our other graduates, Kenny Ross and Gordon Murray went out for the wedding. Joe now intends to go to Westminster Theological Seminary for further studies.

Neil & Rachel Rae

Two of our graduates, Neil and Rachel Rae, have applied to serve as missionaries with the Overseas Missionary Fellowship.



Jonathan Fry

Jonathan has returned to his native Australia, having completed his BA in theology and is working as a Consultant Psychiatrist in Adelaide.

Robert Allan

Robert, having completed his degree, is continuing his preparation for the ministry of the United Free Church. He is currently on placement at Glasgow: Darnley, with the Rev Colin Brown.



John Johnston

John Johnston, having completed his BA, is now teaching at Dingwall Academy. It is good to have John nearby.

Ross MacFarlane

Ross took a polity module at HTC and is now studying for the Doctor of Ministry degree. He is serving as assistant pastor at Kingsview Christian Centre, APC.

Stuart Pickford

Having completed his degree, Stuart is now undertaking teacher training with a view to becoming an RE teacher.

UHI Millennium Institute

From time to time people ask about the progress of UHI, the Higher Education institute of which we are academic partners. The situation is that UHI was designated by parliament in 2001 and has been steadily developing under the fine leadership of the Principal, Professor Robert Cormack. During 2005/2006 UHI will be assessed for undergraduate degree-awarding powers, the next stage in our progress towards full university title. The First Minister of the Scottish parliament is on record as saying that if we meet all of the quality assurance targets then we might hope to get full university title in 2007. UHI is working closely with the Quality Assurance Agency for Scotland and the Scottish Higher Education Funding Council to achieve those targets. For further information on UHI, consult the web site: www.uhi.ac.uk
We are almost there...

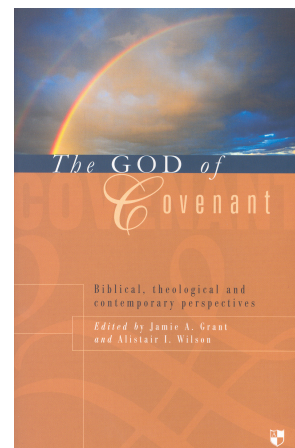
Validation of MTh

Following the successful validation by Aberdeen University which allows four subject areas within UHI to supervise Aberdeen PhDs (Marine Science, Agronomy, Nuclear Decommissioning and Theology) HTC has requested validation for a taught Master of Theology degree, an MTh in 'Reformed Theology'. All other things being equal, we hope to have completed the validation process in time for the next academic year.

Hot off the Press

Another book has just become available from the pen of Rev Dr Noel Due, minister of Coromandel Baptist Church, Adelaide and Honorary Teaching Fellow at HTC-UHI. The book is entitled *Created For Worship : From Genesis to Revelation to You* and is published by Christian Focus Publications.

Some of the recent publications by HTC Academic Staff. Full details are on the next page.



Staff Publications

As part of their work as academics, our staff regularly write and submit work for publication. Here are some recent publications. You will see that one recurring book is *The God of the Covenant*, which Alistair and Jamie edited on behalf of the Tyndale Fellowship, following its Triennial Conference in 2003, and to which Andrew and Alistair contributed chapters.

Professor McGowan:

1. 'Introduction' to new edition of Andrew Thomson *Life of Thomas Boston* (Tain: CFP, 2004).
2. Articles on 'James Denney', and 'Robert H. Story in the new *Dictionary of National Biography* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2004).
3. 'Evangelicals and Fundamentalists' in *Reformed Theological Journal*, 20 (November 2004).
4. 'In Defence of Headship Theology' in Jamie A. Grant and Alistair I. Wilson (eds) *The God of the Covenant: Biblical, theological and contemporary perspectives* (Leicester: Apollos, 2005).

Dr Wilson

1. 'The Significance of the Return of Jesus in 1 Thessalonians' *Haddington House Journal* 6 (2004) 55-81.
2. 'New Testament Literature Survey 2003-2004' *Foundations* 52 (2004) 41-47.
3. 'Sing a New Song: Towards a Biblical Theology of Song' *Scottish Bulletin of Evangelical Theology* 22.2 (2004) 196-218.
4. *When Will These Things Happen? A Study of Jesus as Judge in Matthew 21-25* (Carlisle: Paternoster, 2004).
5. J. A. Grant and A. I. Wilson (eds), *The God of Covenant: Biblical, Theological and Contemporary Perspectives* (Leicester: Apollos, 2005).
6. 'Luke and the New Covenant: Zechariah's Prophecy as a Test Case' in J. A. Grant and A. I. Wilson (eds) *The God of Covenant: Biblical, Theological and Contemporary Perspectives* (Leicester: Apollos, 2005) 156-77.

Dr Grant

1. J. A. Grant and A. I. Wilson (eds), *The God of Covenant: Biblical, Theological and Contemporary Perspectives* (Leicester: Apollos, 2005).
2. J. A. Grant, "The Psalms and the King," in *Interpreting the Psalms* (eds. P. S. Johnston and D. G. Firth; Leicester: Apollos, 2005).

Dr Nick Needham

1. *2000 Years of Christ's Power. Part Three: Renaissance and Reformation* (London: Grace Publications Trust, 2004)
2. Revised edition of *2000 Years of Christ's Power. Part Two: The Middle Ages* (London: Grace Publications Trust, 2004)

Courses

Study with HTC

HTC offers a range of courses to suit people of all educational backgrounds and to help them to prepare for service of various kinds.

Access Course

Many people in Scotland (and also much further afield) are studying theology on our Access Course, whether purely for their own interest and personal growth, or as a means of gaining access to degree-level studies. There are no entry requirements for this course and it provides a well-rounded introduction to Christian theology. It is our intention to offer a full time version of this course in Dingwall, but we require a minimum of six applicants. Would you be interested in spending a year studying theology at HTC? Funding may be available to eligible students.

BA (Hons) Theological Studies degree

Our UHI BA degree course provides an opportunity to study theology at a serious level, perhaps in preparation for some form of Christian ministry, and to gain skills which will be of use in a wide variety of different employment settings. Applicants must possess typical entrance requirements (or equivalent educational and life experience) or have successfully completed our Access Course (or a similar course).

PhD

HTC also offers the opportunity to pursue studies at the highest level. As of last year, HTC's MPhil and PhD degrees are validated by the University of Aberdeen. There is no course work involved in PhD studies and the student's research project is supervised by one of HTC's academic staff team. In order to gain access to the HTC PhD programme applicants must hold an honours degree in Theology at Upper Second level or above (or its equivalent). It is possible to undertake PhD studies either full-time or part-time, however, preference is generally given to applications for full-time study. Further details can be found on our website.

Doctor of Ministry

This course, offered in association with Reformed Theological Seminary in the USA, is designed for those who have been engaged in full-time Christian ministry for several years and who wish to pursue a course of studies which will relate to their ministry.

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