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YOUR COUNTRY NEEDS YOU,

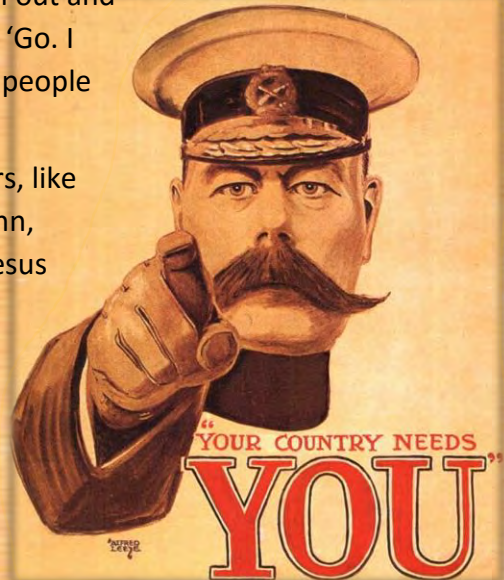
Most of us will be familiar with the famous, First World War poster of Lord Kitchener, with his deeply penetrating eyes and pointing finger leaving whoever

saw the poster in no doubt that it was intended for him/her, and not for someone else: 'Your country needs YOU!'

Recently, in preaching on the call of God to Moses (Exodus chapters 3-4), this military poster came to mind, as I imagined Moses sensing the finger of God, the Lord of all lords, singling him out and calling very specifically to him (Ex 3:10): 'Go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.'

In the New Testament, we read of others, like Simon Peter and Andrew, James and John, experiencing the powerful call of King Jesus on their lives as he commanded them: 'Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.'

I wonder if it is not time for each one of us to hear – or to hear afresh – the call of the same living God and his Son,



Jesus Christ, on our lives: 'Go, I am sending you ...'?

Moses experienced the call of God on his life at a time of great need for God's people, a time when they were groaning in their slavery in Egypt and crying out for help (Ex 2:23ff; 3:7f). Having seen their misery and having heard their cry, the living God began to show his concern for his people by coming down and calling Moses to go and do something about it.

So it is today. God still sees the situations of need in our world and communities. He hears the cries of the needy who want to break free from a whole variety of types of 'slavery' from which they cannot liberate themselves. He is concerned and comes down to call us to go and be part of his solution.

Is God calling you to some particular ministry in these days – one of prayer, of service, of care, of mission? Is he calling you to a preaching and teaching ministry? The need in Scotland is vast today, as it is right across the world. 'Your country' – the country of your birth or where you live, or that other country that the Lord is putting on your heart in these days – 'needs YOU.'

As you respond in faith and obedience to God's call on your life, you have his promise (Ex 3:12): 'I will be with you,' and that of his Son, Jesus Christ (Matt 28:20): 'Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'

Reverend Hector Morrison, Principal

PUBLIC CLASSES

A LOOK AT LUKE – NARRATIVE, FULFILMENT AND WITNESS

- *So that you may know the certainty* (Luke 1:1-4)
- *A light for revelation to the Gentiles* (Luke 2:22-40)
- *That is why I was sent* (Luke 4:14-44)
- *For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost* (Luke 19:1-10)
- *You are witnesses of these things* (Luke 24:1-53)

Recordings are now available online at

www.htc.uhi.ac.uk/news-and-events/public-classes/a-look-at-luke



HTC JOINS THE JONATHAN EDWARDS CENTER UK AS THE SCOTTISH PARTNER

Jonathan Edwards (1703-1758), pastor, revivalist, Christian philosopher, missionary, and college president, is widely regarded as North America's greatest theologian. He is the subject of intense scholarly interest because of the fervency of his message and the acumen with which he appraised religious experience. Based at Yale University, The Jonathan Edwards Center provides a digital learning environment for research, education and publication that presents all of Edwards' writings along with helpful editorial materials. The Jonathan Edwards Center global affiliates are recognised research units with regard to Jonathan Edwards studies, facilitating and stimulating research in Edwards and his influence through collaborative research, education and publication. HTC is delighted to be the Scottish Partner of the Jonathan Edwards Center UK.

STAFF CHANGES

It is with regret that we announce that **Rev Dr Alistair Wilson**, New Testament lecturer, will end his appointment with HTC in December, having accepted the position of lecturer in Mission and New Testament at Edinburgh Theological Seminary. Alistair first worked for HTC from 1996, leaving in 2005 to take up the position of lecturer then Principal of Dumisani Theological Institute, South Africa. He returned to HTC in 2015 to take up the role of lecturer in New Testament. Alistair has been a tremendous asset to HTC and will be missed. We wish him well in his work in ETS.



Alistair will be replaced by **Rev Dr David Kirk**. David is also well-known in HTC, having completed both his BA [BA(Hons)2010] and PhD [PhD 2016] with us. David was ordained and inducted as assistant minister of Kilmallie and Ardnamurchan Free Church in 2014. We are delighted to welcome David back amongst us.



STUDENTS AND GRADUATES NEWS

Chris Davidson [Access 2013] has commenced work as Church Planter at Madras Street, Inverness.

Jason Hood [PhD 2010] has been appointed Assistant Professor of New Testament at the Boston Campus of Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, Roxbury, MA.

Carl Irvine [BA 2017] was ordained as an Ordained Local Minister (OLM) with Gordon Presbytery of the Church of Scotland in the West Church, Inverurie.

David Macartney (top photo) [BA (Hons) 2015] was ordained and inducted as minister of the North Coast Parish at Strathy Parish Church.

Andrew Macleod (second photo) [BA 2015] has been ordained and inducted as Assistant Minister of Tain and Fearn Free Church.

Michael McMullin [BA (Hons) 2017] has accepted the post of Community Outreach Worker with the Church of Scotland Ministries Council, working in the parish of Gorgie, Dalry and Stenhouse.

The wedding of **Kirsty Macdonald** [BA student] and **Andrew Morrison** [BA 2017] took place in August. Congratulations to them both!

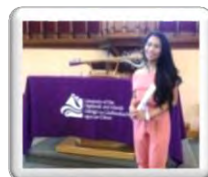
Rev Dr William Parker [DMin 2011] was installed as Minister of Sinclair Seamen's Presbyterian Church, Belfast.

Ken Pierce (third photo), Jackson, MS successfully defended his PhD thesis on *“What is, is what ought to be”: Providence and Benjamin Morgan Palmer’s public theology.*

Mike Preciado (fourth photo), California, successfully defended his PhD thesis on *‘The Compatibility of Guidance Control and Reformed Theology’*.



Cate Ramos (top photo) [BA student] has been appointed HISA (Highlands and Islands Students' Association) depute for HTC.

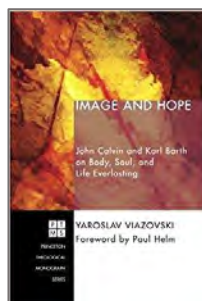


Martin Salter (second photo), Grace Community Church, Bedford, successfully defended his PhD thesis on 'An Exegetical Definition of Missional Ethics'. Martin has since been appointed as editor of the Affinity theological journal, *Foundations*.



www.affinity.org.uk/news/news-stories/post/332-a-new-editor-for-foundations.

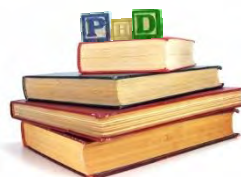
Slava Viazovski [PhD 2015] has had his PhD thesis published in the Princeton Theological Monograph Series www.amazon.co.uk/Image-Hope-Yaroslav-Viazovski/dp/1498223591



Rita Welsh [BA student] was ordained and inducted as an OLM (Ordained Local Minister) in Holy Trinity Church, Wester Hailes, Edinburgh.

PHD STUDY

It has been very rewarding to see several successful PhD completions recently. It was also encouraging at the annual PhD Conference to welcome in new PhD students and welcome back those already underway with their studies. The range of topics is vast! Anyone wishing to undertake PhD study with HTC should email



htc@uhi.ac.uk with subject line 'PhD enquiry, attention Jamie Grant'.

"As a 2014 HTC PhD graduate I wanted to thank you for guiding me through my degree. Today, I am the Provost and Chief Operating Officer at Arizona Christian University. This opportunity, to help the Kingdom of God by running a university committed to training students to transform culture with truth, would not have been possible without my studies at HTC."
Steve Adamson [PhD 2014]



GRADUATION AND AWARDS CEREMONY 2017

The 23rd Graduation and Awards Ceremony of HTC took place on Monday 3rd July 2017 in Castle Street Church, Dingwall. Dr Jeff Howarth,



UHI Vice-Principal (Enterprise) presented awards along with Rev Hector Morrison, Principal. The guest speaker was the Reverend Professor Andrew T B McGowan, minister of the East Church, Inverness, and former Principal of HTC.

A recording of the service is available on our website at www.htc.uhi.ac.uk/studying-at-htc/college-life/graduation-and-award-ceremonies

Graduands Receiving Awards 2017

Bachelor of Arts with Honours in Theological Studies

Michael McMullin (1)

Philip Wright (1)

Peter Ferguson-Smyth (2.1)

Donald Murchison (2.1)

Norman O'Neill (2.1)

Lynda Sutherland (2.1)

Kerrera Wilson (2.1)

Peter-Edmund Conroy (2.2)

Andrew Forsyth (2.2)

Jean Kabongo (3)



Bachelor of Arts with Distinction in Theological Studies

Lynsey Brennan

Scott Burton

Bachelor of Arts in Theological Studies

Peter Blair

Leslie Grieve

Deborah Harvey

Barry Hughes

John Hulley

Carl Irvine

Peter Kiehlmann

Andrew Morrison

Gary Noonan

Jeremy Pauline

Natasha Sutherland

Diploma of Higher Education in Theological Studies

Allan Macleod

Peter Wallace

Anne White

Certificate of Higher Education with Distinction in Theological Studies

Enhtegsh 'Tiki' Gibbens

Certificate of Higher Education in Theological Studies

Mark Boag

PJ Hanekom

Douglas McHugh

Leslie O'Neill

Maureen O'Neill



Certificate in Christian Theology (Access Level)

Peter Reilly

Additional Awards

HTC Student of the Year

Lynsey Brennan

HTC Endeavour Award

Kerrera Wilson



In addition to the awards made in Theology, the following UHI awards were made to graduands who chose to graduate at the HTC ceremony:

MSc with Distinction in Sustainable Energy Solutions

Kay Kaufmann

PgDip in Sustainable Rural Development

Michael MacMillan

Certificate of Higher Education in Tourist Guiding

James Neil



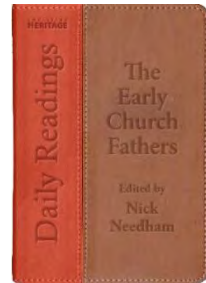
Book Launch

Daily Readings - The Early Church Fathers Rev Dr Nick Needham

William MacKenzie
Christian Focus Publications

interviews author

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*Beautifully bound, an ideal gift. Keep this one in
mind if you're thinking about Christmas shopping!*

Public lecture

Luther 500

*Celebrating 500 years since
the start of the Reformation*

Rev Dr Nick Needham



Recordings of both events are now available on our website at

<https://www.htc.uhi.ac.uk/news-and-events/>

and our YouTube channel at

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_BnEafJAK6vRxi4ffohcXA

HTC-PAISLEY UPDATE

The HTC-Paisley project is moving forward at pace! The architect has produced plans, the building warrant and planning application have been granted, we have gone through a lengthy tender procedure to appoint a contractor to carry out the necessary works and, as this Newsletter is being written, we are preparing for the works to actually get underway! We are in exciting times!

The main campus of HTC remains in Dingwall. Teaching and administrative functions are delivered from Dingwall. HTC-Paisley is an *additional* venue, offering facilities for students based in the densely populated Central Belt of Scotland.

HTC-Paisley will:

- Give HTC a permanent presence in Scotland's densely populated Central Belt, thus enhancing further HTC's national relevance, reach, profile and impact;
- Help to grow undergraduate and, potentially, postgraduate taught student numbers from beyond our region;
- Enhance the quality of the student learning experience for many of our present remote learners in the south of Scotland.

Where?

- HTC-Paisley, The Wynd Centre, 6 School Wynd, Paisley PA1 2DB;
- 9 minutes train journey from Glasgow Central Station then approximately a 3 minute walk;
- Approximately 7 minutes car journey from Glasgow Airport;
- Approximately 200 miles (about a 4 hour car journey) from HTC's main campus in Dingwall.

Project timeline:

- November 2017 – renovation works commence;
- January 2018 – renovation works completed, opening of new facilities.

Costs and funding:

- Following a detailed tendering process, a contractor has been appointed;
- Project costs are approximately £87,500 (\$116,000 USD). We move forward in faith, without full funding in place;
- We have written to several trusts seeking financial assistance and are awaiting responses;
- We are seeking funding from our supporters to help finance this project. ***If you are in a position to support this work we urge you to make a donation. All gifts, large or small, are greatly appreciated. Thank you.***

In the meantime, classes are taking place in rooms adjacent to the renovation site. So HTC-Paisley is already up and running, albeit not in the 'HTC' area of The Wynd Centre. At the start of semester we were thrilled to have almost 40 students present for induction! There is a clear demand for the facilities we are offering and we look forward to what the Lord has in store for HTC-Paisley over coming months and years.



Architect's impression of what HTC-Paisley may look like.

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- If you know of anyone else who would like to be kept informed of HTC's work please encourage them to send us their details so that we can mail or email them too.

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