FROM THE ACADEMIC DEAN

Welcome to 2015 at UTC. There is an exciting year ahead, and I hope that you will be fully engaged and enthralled in it.

Welcome to Rev Dr Rhonda White, our new lecturer in Practical Theology. Rhonda will be active on campus as one of her roles is to help students to see how their theological drive and sense of mission can be developed and engage with the ministries and mission of churches. It promises to be an exciting prospect, connection mission, learning and yearning.

In semester two we will be welcoming Dr Anthony Rees, but he is already known through the intensive he taught in January. Thanks too to Rev Sef Carroll for her teaching in January.

Research wise it has been a busy time. Damian Palmer, Sef Carroll and Cristina Gomez have all handed in their dissertations, which now go out to the examiners. John Williams too is on the cusp of handing in or may have tipped over the edge. Congratulations to them for achieving this penultimate milestone on a long journey.

There are a couple of new names on the timetable. Dr Yvette Debergue will teach the early church history; welcome Yvette. Dr Carmel Davies will resume her teaching in Christian Spirituality: welcome back Carmel. COM120 will be taught by Damian Palmer this year, while Rev Niall McKay will take control of Public Theology. The hope is that you will enjoy this rather diverse but robust team.

A study skills tutor is yet to be found, however I am confident that the right person will soon come into our sights. As well, there is an active search for a tutor for Korean students. You will be kept posted.

Opening Service
The UTC Opening service and inaugural lecture is on Monday 23 Feb. During the service we will induct Rhonda to her new lectureship. After morning tea we will be treated to a presentation by Ben Myers entitled The Atonement in Early Christian Theology.

Research Fellow at UTC
Welcome to Professor Ha, who arrived from South Korea on Tuesday 10 February to take up a year of research with CSU. His wife and two older daughters have accompanied him, so please make them welcome as you see them around. Professor Ha will be pursuing research project is entitled: “Evangelism across languages oceans and borders: The variety of approaches to evangelism within Korean and Australian Protestantism.”
**Prize to Fiona Pfennigwerth**


Gerard

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**FROM THE FACULTY**

The faculty have been a bit busy since classes closed in October! Jione Havea is taking his Long Service Leave to complete some projects involving the Pacific that have been planned and are in the pipeline. Jione has been researching and preparing material for the World Council of Churches meeting in Cuba, along with other presentations and publications.

Jeff Aernie has returned from Sabbatical Leave. Jeff presented a paper, “Tablets of Fleshy Hearts: Paul and Ezekiel in Concert” at the annual meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, San Diego, Calif., USA, 19–21 November 2014 and has attended conferences of the Evangelical Theological Society; Institute for Biblical Research; and Society of Biblical Literature. In January he presented a Sermon Series at Terrigal Uniting Church. He will be presenting a Report on this leave at the next Council.

Ben Myers presented a keynote lecture at LA Theology Conference, a seminar on Shakespeare at Biola University, LA, prepared three essays for publication (all on patristic theology) and is working on a book project which he plans to complete by the end of this year.

Gerard Moore has delivered keynote addresses at two conferences. He gave an address at the Australian Practical Theology Conference in late November entitled: “They asked for fish and you gave them a snake, for bread and you gave a stone: the possibility of worship in Oceania”. At the biennial conference of the Australian Academy of Liturgy he was asked to speak to the theme of “Praying the Word in the Liturgy of the Word”, followed by an hour of discussion and conversation. Both will be published during 2015. He has just released “Earth Unites with Heaven: an introduction to the liturgical year”, (Melbourne: Morning Star, 2014), and has sent to the publisher the revised manuscript on the Eucharistic practices of the Churches of Christ, currently entitled: “The Disciples at Table: 150 years of worship in the Christian Church(Disciples of Christ).” It is due out later in 2015.

**DATE CLAIMER**

Jione’s Conclusion of Placement service will be 30 May 2015: all welcome - more details to come.

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**FROM STUDENT ADMINISTRATION**

**Student Orientation**

New students are invited to attend the Orientation being held on site on Monday 23rd February from 1.30pm – 4.30pm and repeated again from 6pm – 8pm. Please contact Joanne Stokes for further information on joannes@nswact.uca.org.au

**Subject Enrolments**

All students should now be enrolled in subjects for first semester. If anyone has not done this or are experiencing any difficulties, please contact Renee or Jenny for assistance on studentadmin@nswact.uca.org.au
PERSONAL

Some of you will know Rev Dr Graham Hughes. Graham lectured in worship at UTC for many years. Please keep him in your prayers as he has now been moved to palliative care in Katoomba Hospital as his cancer has worsened.

School Research Centre

On the 6th of December 2014, the Synod Standing Committee received a report from the President of the Assembly, Rev. Professor Andrew Dutney on progress towards implementing the determination of the Appeal Panel that the Revd Dr Clive Pearson be "reinstated as Principal or be inducted into an equivalent position". The Revd Dr Clive Pearson has agreed to take up a research position with the Public and Contextual Theological Research Centre of Charles Sturt University which will be held in association with a ministerial placement with the National Assembly of the Uniting Church in Australia. The Placement will be funded by the Synod of New South Wales and the ACT and concluded on 31 December 2017. The Synod acknowledges the cost of this extended process which has taken a heavy toll on the Revd Dr Clive Pearson and his family.

NOTICES

Conference/Workshop “Australian Mission in Korea”

William Emilsen and Sang Taek Lee would like to invite you all to the conference/workshop entitled “Australian Mission in Korea” sponsored by the United Theological College and Charles Sturt University's Public and Contextual Theology Research Centre (PaCT).

When: Tuesday 24th February at 9:30am-4:00pm.
Where: Auditorium at the Centre for Ministry, 16 Masons Dr, North Parramatta 2151

Speakers:
Rev. Dr. John Brown (Former Director of Commission for Mission UCA)
Rev. Dr. Dean Drayton (Former President of Assembly of Uniting Church in Australia)
Rev. Dr. Peter Barnes (The Minister of Presbyterian Church)
Rev. Associate Prof. William Emilsen (Historian of Uniting Church in Australia)
Dr Ben Skerman (Former Director of Ilshin Hospital in Pusan, Korea)

Greetings: Rev. Associate Prof. Gerard Moore (Head of School of Theology, Charles Sturt University).

This conference is open to members of the Korean Community Church and the Korean Presbytery of the Uniting Church. Each speaker will be given 20 minutes to make a presentation followed by 10 minutes for questions.

Lunch, morning and afternoon tea will be provided on the day. No RSVP is required.

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KEEPING IN TOUCH

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Remember to visit the NSW ACT Synod Community Connection http://nsw.uca.org.au/e-news

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