FROM THE ACADEMIC DEAN

Welcome back
Welcome back to our students and sessional lecturers, and every good wish for the learning ahead.

New lecturers
We are very pleased to welcome alongside us this semester Dr Carmel Davis (Christian Spirituality), Rev Bec Lindsay (Intro OT), Dr Yvette Debergue (Early Church History), Damian Palmer (COM120 and Uniting Church Studies), Dr Patricia Curthoys (Church History Methodology), Prof Dean Drayton (DMin) and Niall McKay (Public Theology). They make for an exciting mix of faculty.

Study Skills Tutor
Welcome too to Ennis MacLeod, who is taking up the role of Study Skills Tutor for session one. Her hours are currently set at Tuesday from 2:00pm – 5:00pm and Thursday from 3:00pm-6:00pm - room TBA. The times may be modified according to demand. Please make bookings to see her through Renee and Jenny at the Student Admin Office. Ennis has been asked to do the following:

- Use a range of strategies to build the study skills of students in the u/g programs, especially those new to university, mature age students and students with a first language other than English, so that they become independent learners and skilled communicators, particularly in written communication.
- Connect UTC students with the study skills resources available through CSU.
- Tutor students in skills such as:
  - The preparation of study plans
  - Time management
  - Working to deadlines
  - Building study and research habits
  - Note taking
  - Collaborative group work
  - Identifying and overcoming deficiencies in style, grammar and general writing skills
  - Analysing assessment tasks and developing strategies for successful completion

The Passing of Rev Dr Graham Hughes
Graham Hughes died on February 16. His death was not unexpected, though the cancer closed in on him more quickly than anticipated. What came to an end was a life which had made an important contribution to the Synod. Graham had taught at UTC for many years. His first field of endeavour was in Biblical Studies, where he put his doctoral studies in the
Letter to the Hebrews to good use. Many were inspired by his teaching, as seen by the Facebook tributes. Later he turned his mind and skill to studies in worship, teaching the subjects in liturgical studies and guiding ordination candidates in the ways of liturgical practice and inspiring presidency. Graham's liturgical directions had a life of their own. Too many his suggestions and demands enabled them to understand the role of presiding, and to enter it with skill and eventually ease. Yet others found him too daunting and directive! Teaching liturgy is always thus, though Graham brought a mixture of passion, knowledge and single-mindedness to this formation task, along with a degree of ponderance. The results were not always appreciated, but are the stuff of great stories. Anyone who knew Graham encountered something of this complexity.

As a scholar he brought rigour and depth to the study of liturgy, reminding students not only of the way that a rite ought be practiced, but that engagement in ritual is a profoundly hermeneutical task involving the self, the church, context and history. His writings remain foundational for studying UCA worship. Graham was well known internationally, and his post retirement study entitled "Worship as Meaning" is highly regarded. Even down to his final weeks he continued his research in a retrieval of Calvin's approach to sacraments, a work which hopefully will be a posthumous tribute.'

Gerard

FROM THE FACULTY

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

FROM STUDENT ADMINISTRATION

Please note classes commence this week and we wish all the students an enjoyable and insightful session of study.

FROM CAMDEN THEOLOGICAL LIBRARY

Huge 2nd Hand Book Sale!
Camden Theological Library will be holding a 2nd hand book sale from Tuesday 24 March to Thursday 26 March 10:30am to 5:00pm in the Auditorium at Uniting Church Centre for Ministry.
There are a wide range of quality theological books available, most in near new condition, with many items priced as low as $2 and $5.

Come in and pick up a bargain!

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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