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CHRISTMAS - A TIME TO HEAL, RENEW AND RESTORE



For many people the Christmas season is a time of holiday and relaxation. A time to be with family & friends, or to go somewhere different, or simply to enjoy a change of pace. There are quite a number of people who will be at work "as usual" - whether on stand-by in a hospital or police station or power station, whether carrying on their normal work at a supermarket check-out or a petrol station, perhaps simply carrying on with work as they can't afford to not be earning an income. We easily take it for granted that if we take a break that there will be other people to keep things "ticking over" for our benefit.

As the people of Bethlehem settled down and got ready for the long-awaited census, it was the shepherds who were "looking after things" somewhere out there in the fields. They were of no concern to the townspeople, but they were not forgotten by God - who sent his heavenly messengers to bring to them first the news that the Saviour is born.

The joy and excitement of the Christmas season captures our attention, and we all too easily overlook those around us who are busy with the "ordinary" things of work and life. How then do we, like the angels, bring a witness of hope that reveals God's love to all?

During this Christmas remembrance and celebration may you be blessed by God's love for you. Share that blessing with friends and strangers so that our hectic world will look beyond the "commercial holiday spirit". In this way they will discover more clearly that ordinary people in many different places and circumstances can know God who comes to us to heal, renew and restore. The message of Christmas brings encouragement and hope - be part of that message, and spread it.

COLLEGE PARTNERS AND VISITS

This year has been particularly busy with visits by both College directors to a number of partners and supporters.

Megan spent time as a guest of the Disciples of Christ and the UCC General Synod in the USA. This was an opportunity to share the work of the College in meetings, to engage with those who support the College in particular ways, and to give interviews.

Both Megan and Craig met with other international TEE leaders in Canada. This was a good opportunity to reflect on the wider network of which our College is a part, to share with others who have

a broad experience of TEE around the world, and also to look at the role TEE College might play internationally.

We also spent time as guests of Ross and Gloria Kinsler in Pasadena, California. Ross was one of the original group of missionaries who established and promoted the idea of TEE in Central America in the 1960s. His visit to South Africa in 1976 was part of the work by South African churches to establish this College. While serving on the Theological Education desk of the WCC he has always kept an eye on TEE developments around the world, and has had a long-standing interest in our College.

Other visits included discussion with new College partners in exploring developments in the programmes that

we offer. Some of these discussions are in an exploratory phase, and in some instances we are reviewing resources and their appropriateness for our context.

Local visits included church leaders and trainers. This helps to strengthen College - Church relationships which is supportive for students.



Ross and Gloria Kinsler



FROM PRISON INMATES TO PASTORS

Nine convicted criminals find new role in life while in St Alban's Prison



First graduates from the St Alban's study group together with their tutors.

TEN years ago, Graaff-Reinet man George Adams got into a drunken knife fight with his best friend living across the road. He did not mean to kill him, but his friend died from his wounds and Adams was sentenced to 15 years in St Alban's maximum security prison.

Today 47-year-old Adams is a changed man. He is out on parole and was ordained a pastor following years of theological study in prison.

He reconciled with his victim's family while in prison and now even works together with the man's niece among the youth of Graaff-Reinet, encouraging them to stay away from alcohol, drugs and crime.

Adams is one of nine convicted criminals - four of whom are still behind bars - who graduated from the Theological Education by Extension (TEE) College, having completed their studies while in St Alban's prison.



CHANGED MEN: Former St Alban's inmates, from left, George Adams, Phumlani Cecil Mpuntshe and Wayne Nuku

"My friend's family thought I'd come out as a gangster - that I'd come out worse. Instead, they told me they saw a changed man," Adams said.

Fellow TEE College graduate Wayne Nuku, 45, said he "wouldn't wish prison on my worst enemy". But at the same time, he is grateful for what he achieved while incarcerated at St Alban's. It changed his life.

He too is an ordained pastor - and he met his wife, Zelda, while in prison. Sister to a friend, she sent an encouraging

broadcast message over Kingfisher FM to several inmates, including Nuku. He wrote to thank her and they started corresponding.

Nuku was sentenced to 20 years in prison for his role in a cash-in-transit heist and was released on parole in 2011.

"It's tough being out. I must just trust in the Lord," he said. His vision is to work fulltime in the church. He keeps himself busy as a motivational speaker at schools and in churches. He is also part of a five-member group called "A fighting chance", which talks to the community about drug rehabilitation and human trafficking awareness.

Wayne's former employer sponsored his first year of theological studies. He now assists with ministry in the prison and works as a pastor at a re-integration centre in Uitenhage for released prisoners who have nowhere to go.

Equally determined to make a new life for himself is fellow graduate Phumlani Cecil Mpuntshe, 40, who was released on parole almost halfway through a 25-year sentence for robbery.

When he went to jail, he did not have a Standard 6 (Grade 8) education. Along with completing his theological studies while in prison, he also completed matric and then two diplomas to N6 level in Human Resources Management and Business Management, for which he still needs to complete his in-service training.

Mpuntshe is also hoping to go into full-time ministry.

Prison chaplain Rev Jogra Gallant (also a TEEC graduate and pictured above) organised the weekly tutorials for prisoners. She said that former inmate and fellow graduate Melvin Ruiters had initiated the study group by writing to the then regional co-ordinator of TEE College, Howard Lancaster (pictured above), who established the link with the College and then helped find sponsors.

The College is grateful for the support of local clergy and churches who assist prisoners and others in their studies. We were able to acknowledge this remarkable transforming work at two of our recent graduation ceremonies. Our many students find themselves in diverse circumstances and it is always humbling to learn of the transformations that take place within them on their study journey, and then through their service to others around them.

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The Herald

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY STUDENT VISIT

The College received two student visitors in November - Siya Singhal (China) and Wayne Kimball Jr (USA) who joined us as part of a course they were doing with the Wits Business School and the Jesuit Institute in Johannesburg. Both are students of Loyola University in Chicago and are participating in an International MBA study programme that takes them from South Africa to Chile, then Japan, Thailand and China.

Siya's background is in the hospitality industry and language schools, Wayne previously worked for Google. They used their time with us to learn about the College and its work, and then to give input into various projects that we are currently working with. They were also required to complete a project of their own for their course using the information that they had learned about the College.



Siya Singhal and Wayne Kimball from Loyola University

Two tangible and visible things flow out of their involvement with TEEC. First they gave input to a Student Survey

that we will be using across parts of the TEEC student body in 2014. This plan has been in the pipeline for a while and they helped to put some of the preparatory work together.

They also reviewed and gave input to the plans for the revision of the College website. This has also been on the 'to-do' list and we expect to see it taken forward during the next year.

The College receives a wide variety of visitors who are often interested in learning about us and what we do. It was a wonderful blessing to have two accomplished people also give back into the work of the College. This kind of contribution usually happens in the background, and is not easily seen by others. We wish them well as they continue to learn and contribute through their coursework in other parts of the world.

MARKING REVIEW

The College is reviewing processes around the handling of student scripts and then the management of student marks. Our current systems are largely manual as they accommodate the various checks and balances that then feed into the Quality Assurance process.

A range of markers have been asked to participate in a survey as the College assesses ways of reducing marking administration while keeping the important aspects of checks and review in place. That input will result in the exploration and testing of some new processes for marking administration in 2014. These will largely be invisible to students, but we hope that they will be a help to markers and their support of students.

Markers are busy people who offer their time over and above their normal work and ministry responsibilities.

MARKER WORKSHOP

Marker training has usually taken place in March of every year. In addition to the training workshops held in Johannesburg and Cape Town earlier this year, the College also hosted a training workshop for new markers in October. This helps new markers to 'come on board' before the start of the registration process, which makes marker allocation for the new academic year a little easier.

The intensive two-day workshop exposes markers to many not-so-obvious aspects of the College and its ministry. Practical exercises give them a taste of what lies ahead as well as help develop the skills needed for this work. We are grateful to the men and women who participate in this important ministry and work.



STUDENT SURVEY

Once the dust of Registration has settled and the busyness of Easter is over, then we are looking to conduct a Survey with parts of the TEEC student body. This will be something that we send to some of you and ask for your input.

Over successive years we have struggled increasingly with the difficulties of the Post Office (with sending out study materials and then handling assignments), with Telkom (as our phone lines and Internet connection become erratic), and with Eskom (which often damages electronic equipment and then plunges us into darkness so that we have to run the College off a back-up generator).

Students also have varied access to resources such as electricity, computers or tablets, the internet, different kinds of phones, helpful study resources, etc. Understanding what resources students have access to and considering the challenges they face will help us design and deliver study materials better.

Managing the personal cost of studies can also be a problem for students, even though the College works to keep fees affordable. We are also exploring additional ways in which studies might be funded and fees managed. Given the size of the student body we will only be sending the survey to cross-sections of students. If you receive one please do consider participating, as that will help the College plan more effectively and serve the student body appropriately.



GRADUATES FEEDBACK

TEE College has been following up on graduates and learning what they have been busy with since completing their studies with the College. We share some snippets of information where graduates were willing for their information to be shared:

A number of graduates have completed other studies prior to as well as after their study with TEEC. Several hold qualifications in other fields.

"I have completed a BA(Hons) Theology and a MA.Theology at the University of Pretoria, as well as 3 years seminary training at the Seth Mokitimi Methodist Seminary"

- **Similo Sebelele** – Dip.ThMin 2007 - Riebeeckstad

"I am studying at the Pontificia Universita du Scienze dell'Educazione (pedagogy of Education). My TEE Certificate helped to get admission. I am grateful"

- **Cecilia Motanya** – Dip.ThMin 2011 - Rome

"BA Fine Arts and Masters at the Durban University of Technology"

- **Bernice Stoff** - Dip.Th 1997 - Durban

Comments

"I love the student-centeredness of the course"

- **Delsia Timm** – B.Th 2012 - Queensburgh

"Ministers do not retire! Living with my husband, a lay minister, in a retirement village. We help out leading worship at local churches"

- **Jill Cairns** - Dip.Th 1997 - Modimolle

"The practical components of the subjects forced one away from the desk and made studying / ministry very real - very useful!"

- **Richard Bremmer** – B.Th 2009 - Graaff-Reinet

"I do look back on my TEE studies with deep appreciation and enjoyment"

- **Ian Howarth**

"Now pastoring a small congregation together with my wife – also a former TEEC student"

- **Reuben Masobela** – Dip.ThMin 2012 - Wallmansthal

Some graduates shared a little of their practical ministry involvements:

"I serve in the sanctuary, preach, and co-ordinate the healing ministry. I would love to study further but am 83 and can't be sure I have enough years left to complete further studies"

- **Elsie Denis** – Dip.Th 1991 – Kenton-on-sea

"I have served as chaplain to the Maseru Central Maximum prison and the female juvenile centre. Chaplain to the Diocesan Mothers' Union, and have worked in the area of HIV and Aids in the diocese"

- **Philip Poholi** – Dip.Th 1997 - Mohale's Hoek, Lesotho

"Practical ministry going strong, especially in association with the local HIV clinic"

- **Pam Brown** – B.Th 2008 - Southbroom

A number of graduates mentioned their current service in ministry:

M Mokena – Dip.ThMin 2005 - Potchefstroom, **Sheila Starling** – Certificate 2009 - Lydenburg, **Nomakula Sodo** - Dip.ThMin 2007 - Tsolo, **CQ Mithetwa** – Certificate 1992 – Empangeni, **Evelyn Keartland** – Dip.Th 2001 – Walkerville, **Gail Sutton** – Dip. Th 2001 - Rustenburg, **Cedric Williams** – Dip.Th 2006 – Paarl, **Aida Esprey** – Dip.Th 2005 - Kidd's Beach, **Walter Magadla** – B.Th 2011 - Heathfield, **Diana West** – Dip.ThMin 2007 - Bloemfontein, **CEE Brown** – Dip.Th 2004 - Rondebosch, **Hilary Fraser** – Dip.Th 2005 – Glencoe, **Kunana Nonyathi** – Certificate 2005 - Mdantsane, **Patricia Townshend** – Dip.Th 1998 - Cape Town, **Danny-Boy Adonis** – Dip.Th 2001 – Arcadia, **Dorothy Monk** – Dip.Th 2001 - George, **Lehlohonolo Mathibe** – B.Th 2008 - Seaview, **Denise Dekker** – Dip.Th 2006 - Guernsey, Channel Islands

SUGGESTIONS Q&A

Graduates were asked to comment on their studies and whether there was anything else that they would have liked to see included:

Q When will TEEC offer Honours, Masters, and Doctoral studies?

A Since the inception of the College TEEC has deliberately focused at undergraduate level and lower. This is specifically to help students who don't have access to formal theological education or lack a strong educational foundation. It also provides for students who have limited time and need to complete their studies over an extended period. Post-graduate study requires very different institutional resources, and there are several institutions which are already well-equipped to support post-graduate students. TEEC offers accredited programmes so that students from this college can more easily make the transition to further study at other institutions.

Q Include Church and financial administration.

A The current Leadership & Management courses are very brief. For this reason TEEC is developing a Higher Certificate in Christian Leadership & Management which is currently being accredited by the Council on Higher Education. If all goes well we hope to offer this programme in 2015.

Q More mission and evangelism + church planting.

A This is another Higher Certificate that TEEC is busy developing (Higher Certificate in Church Growth). Accreditation has not yet begun but will start during 2014, with the possibility of offering the programme from 2016. See the 'Higher Certificate' article also in this edition of the LINK for more information about the seven new Higher Certificates.

Q Will TEEC offer Biblical languages?

A We are asked this often. Language instruction in the distance-learning context is exceptionally difficult if not supported by a range of support services—which can often be technical or expensive. This is something we do give thought to, although have found no workable solution. We are planning to review the current structure of the B.Th and will explore this question again.



SUMMIT FEEDBACK



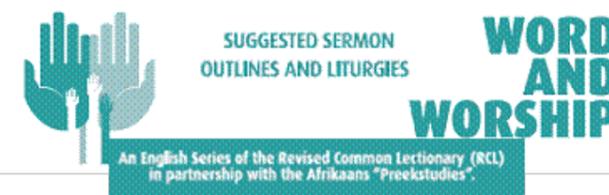
Ministry can be a lonely, tiring and even stressful time. Yet there are helpful resources that could assist us in our ministry, but we don't always know that they are there. The College was glad to provide students and graduates with a special discount for the recent Global Leadership Summit in conjunction with the Willow Creek Association.

A number of students took up the offer of the special discount and enjoyed the event. Some left it a bit late and were not able to register through us at the special rate. Feedback has been exciting as people found themselves encouraged, stimulated, enthused and also received insight into the practical and spiritual issues of leading in ministry, at home and at work.

We will continue to keep an eye open for helpful opportunities and seek to negotiate special rates for our students. We express a very big "thank you" to the Willow Creek Association who gave TEEC students an exceptionally good discount.

The Association also provides many other resources that are helpful to people in leadership and ministry. See their website at www.willowcreeksa.co.za/

A student response: "I just want to thank you for assisting us with registration for the Leadership Summit which we attended the 25 and 26th October in Cape Town AGS - venue. It was a delightful experience, and seeing that I work in retail, I will be using this information in my workplace environment. We enjoyed it tremendously."



This is a lectionary resource that is produced ecumenically and is available from Ekklesia at the University of Stellenbosch. Please contact cmer@sun.ac.za for ordering information. A special discounted price applies to bulk orders of 20 or more copies.



TURNING STUDY

into Reflection and Planning For Ministry and Action

TEEC students are usually on a journey into various capacities of ministerial leadership in the communities of Southern Africa. Formal study is normally a requirement of that journey. Yet in the end what has been read and studied needs to find practical expression and relevance in contexts of ministry. Degree students demonstrate that through a piece of academic reflection and writing. Both degree and diploma students plan and engage in a practical ministry project in their local context. Here are some snippets from the 2013 students' work.

This year's 7401 Academic Papers were of a high standard with quite a few students looking into interesting topics.

Some of these topics included Deline Nourse's study on Luke 5 to investigate what an authentic inclusive Christian community should look like. Deline focused specifically on the three encounters Jesus had with outsiders in Luke 5:12-32 to show that we as Christians today (and specifically her own congregation) should not view ourselves as an exclusive club for the righteous.

On the other hand Huddleston Thonga set out to find a Biblical theological view of poverty and wealth for the community of Evaton. Huddleston approached the question of poverty from a Biblical perspective looking at Jubilee, tithing and stewardship while theologically he looked at the Imago Dei, Salvation and spiritual healing.

Jeanette Peirson investigated a Biblical perspective on the rape of women. She focused on two passages namely Judges 19 (the Levite and the concubine) and 2 Samuel 13:1-22 (The rape of Tamar). Together with a theological consideration of the rape of women, Jeanette concluded that the Church (specifically in South Africa) should not be quiet about rape and woman abuse. She, in addition, concluded that these texts should also be read from a feminine perspective.

Yolisa Mpambani's paper was about pastoral care for the Lesbians, Gays, Bisexual Transgender (LGBT) people who are marginalised by the Church. She focused specifically on two communities namely Gugulethu and Heideveld in Cape Town. Her question was to ascertain how the church can be transformed into being a caring, loving and welcoming community, as Christ would do, for those who are made aliens and marginalised. In her paper Yolisa recommended that the Church should be in constant dialogue with LGBT people, and not just assume how they are feeling. She concludes that the terms homosexual and or heterosexual are not terms descriptive of the fundamental Christian identity. As Christians our identity rests in our relationship with God.

Looking over the practical ministry projects it is quite alarming to see how often students are responding to

situations involving vulnerable children or the plight of women who are caught up in negative or destructive structures and contexts.

Maggy Maja worked with girls in an orphanage who had no sense of immediate family, but was always simply part of a larger group. She was struck by their lack of self-worth, and given their lack of skills and the approach of Winter taught them to crochet hats, scarves, and leg-warmers. Their sense of pride and accomplishment together with an understanding of their being valued as children of God was transforming for them. The project is ongoing.

A student in Botswana focused on soup kitchen beneficiaries. After conversation with participating NGOs and State stakeholders an identified need of this group was literacy, being a vehicle for upliftment and reducing dependency. This became the project focus. With no drop-outs and achieving a reading and writing pass rate of 80% those participants now qualify to continue with advanced tutorials that are available to them.

Lebogang Hys worked with the unemployed who were vulnerable to exploitation and who were caught up in loss of self-confidence and in cycles of blame. Building his project around exercises that developed self-assertiveness, reviewed areas of skill, and developed goal-orientation, he had high participation and participants are still working towards the goals set. He says: "my project was guided and motivated by the biblical and theological themes of the great commission and giving the marginalised a foretaste of belonging and living in the kingdom of God".

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Olivia Mashego worked with the elderly in a suburban township. At first identifying various kinds of indignities and abuses suffered by them she focused on their culmination in a personal loss of self-esteem. Her project included activities, personal support and conversation around biblical stories. This extended to wider family members and the strengthening of support structures for the elderly. The work is ongoing and is now responding to issues of isolation and neglect.

Nkosazana Mngazi worked with a school for destitute children. Although they faced a broad range of issues it was the food garden project that provided skills transfer, provided food, elicited donations of implements, and brought the involvement of several local businesses. The project continues with the support of the local church under the facilitation of the minister.

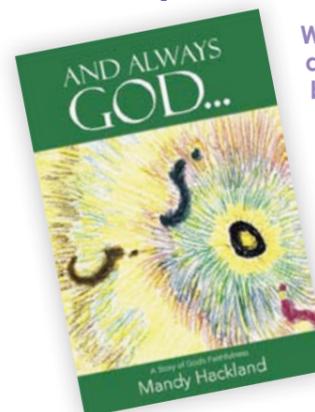
She writes: "as an individual I have learned that humility, humbleness, mercy, meekness and a positive attitude goes a long way when dealing with people of all age groups irrespective of the status they have in society".



Chapel - Vancouver School of Theology

AND ALWAYS GOD...

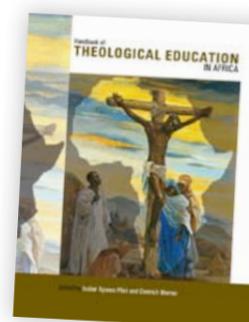
A Story of God's Faithfulness by Mandy Hackland



When I was seven I had a dream – I dreamt of writing a book and having it published. For fifty four years that dream has lain dormant, but in 2007 God began to give me a story to tell, and this year, in 2013, my dream has flowered and born fruit as the book 'And Always God ...' has been written and published. It is the story of God's faithfulness to my husband, Nigel and me as we struggled with an illness that predicted death in the light of God's promises that spoke of life and hope.

In 1993/4 I attended two retreats which made me realize just how much Jesus loves each one of us, including me. Together these two times away with God opened new doors for me – I began to write and I began to study. I started tentatively with both and registered to do a Theological Diploma with TEEC, whilst journaling and writing poetry for my personal spiritual growth. With the encouragement of both family and colleagues at the church where I worked, it took me ten years to graduate. On the day I announced my achievement to the senior minister of our church, he asked me how I intended to use my new qualification. He invited me to consider applying for a new role of compiling study material for our many small groups within the church. I was appointed into this position in 2005 and have enjoyed being able to use my gift of writing, my love of research and my passion for encouraging people to deepen their relationship with God ever since. God used both the diploma and the subsequent writing to equip me to fulfill my childhood dream.

Theological Education in Africa



Two TEEC staff members, Michael Taylor & Craig Dunsmuir, contributed a case-study for this publication.

"This Handbook of Theological Education in Africa is a fascinating witness to the explosive status quo of Theological Education. The historical and regional (inter alia) surveys open our eyes and ears to see and hear how fast it has taken root historically, geographically, and ecumenically. The landscape of African Theological Education

has changed drastically during the final twenty to thirty years of the last century. There is very much to appreciate about it and what has been achieved. We have grounds to make us rejoice, and for which to thank the Lord."

John Mbiti, Theologian and Philosopher, former Director of Bossey Ecumenical Institute

When my husband was diagnosed with prostate cancer in 2007 I shared my journey with God on a daily basis in my journals. He never failed me. Unwilling to share my own pain with Nigel who had enough of his own to deal with, I poured it out to God. Time and again He gave me Scripture verses, devotional readings and encouragement from others that kept me positive and hopeful. God gave me another dream of a shared ministry with Nigel that I clung to as my husband's health failed. I never doubted God – but I did doubt my faith. Was I inventing these promises and dreams? Did I know Scripture so well that I was subconsciously finding the texts I wanted to hear?

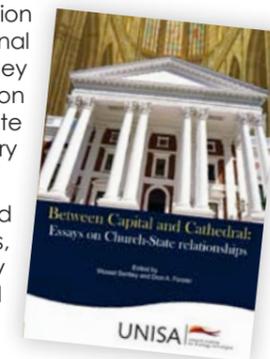
Nigel died on 23 December 2010. What happened to God's promises to us? Had He failed us?

As I have lived a new, different life since Nigel's death, God has fulfilled every promise that He made to me. I had misinterpreted them and thought they were for the two of us. But God always gave them to me not to Nigel, and I have seen Him unfold each one of them in recent months. The dream of being a published author has come true; the dream of a shared ministry is fact as the book tells our story; the hope of life after death is a reality, both for Nigel who is now with His Lord; and for me as I learn to live my new life. And although I miss my husband very much – I can still say that life is good and God is faithful.

'And Always God ...' was written in my journals. It is God's story as He journeyed with us over the past five years – always He was there – to comfort, encourage, to give hope and support. It is a real story of the pain of watching a loved one die, but it is a glorious account of God's faithfulness to us both. I have written it, I believe, at God's request and I pray that all who read it may, in some way, be touched by God's love and healing power at their point of need and come to understand, in a new and deeper way, that God is waiting for each of us with arms open wide ... always.

Between Capital and Cathedral

TEEC Board member Prof Dion Forster and previous TEEC external examiner Dr Wessel Bentley have produced a collection on reflections on Church-State relations given our complex history in South Africa.



"This book is not the final word on Church-State relationships, but aims to encourage new discoveries and continued conversations on what it means for the Church and the State to be effective and relevant in the South African context. The essays offer a diverse range of perspectives, and although these are not the only voices to be heard, they will stimulate conversation, benefitting society at large."

Publications by other graduates will be featured in future links.

Christians shining a light on corruption



SHINING A LIGHT ON CORRUPTION

Each year 1 Trillion US\$ goes missing as a result of corruption. The poor are the ones who suffer most as a result. People die of starvation. Health care does not operate properly. Children are not educated. The justice system is subverted by rich and powerful people and nations

are robbed of their precious resources.

The Bible clearly tells us that as Christians we should 'Learn to do good. Seek justice. Work for the rights of the oppressed. Speak out for the widows and orphans' (Isaiah 1.17). The 'EXPOSED - Shining a light on corruption' campaign is helping Christians and the Church all over the world to do just that. The EXPOSED campaign was started by the World Evangelical Alliance, Micah Challenge International, The Bible Society, The Salvation Army and Unashamedly Ethical. The World Council of Churches have endorsed the campaign, and so have the United Nations.

Between the 14th-20th of October 2013 millions and millions of Christians all across the world (in more than 140 countries) gathered in homes, Churches, businesses, stadiums and town squares to pray about corruption and poverty, to witness to God's power and love, and to take concrete

action to shine a light on corruption. Vigils were held across Africa - the Catholic Church of South Africa held vigils in most of their parishes on Sunday the 13th of October.

This public witness carries on! If you want to gather some people to pray, witness and act in your Church, your town, your school or your home you can find sermons, prayer resources, videos and even practical toolkits on the EXPOSED website.

Over the next year the campaign is attempting to gather 1 million signatures from individuals and groups for the 'Global Call to end Corruption'. You can add your name to the Global Call at <http://www.exposed2013.com> - become 'one in a million' and get others to join you! EXPOSED is thankful that TEE College is a signatory of the campaign! They have taken a stand against corruption because it matters to God.

The signatures that are added to the Global Call to end corruption will be taken to the G20 meeting in 2014 where 20 of the world's most powerful nations will gather to discuss global politics and economics. We can make a difference! We can shine a light! Corruption has a name. Poverty has a face. You have a voice - add your name to the Global Call to End Corruption.

For more information, and resources, on EXPOSED - Shining a light on corruption please visit the EXPOSED website at <http://www.exposed2013.com>



THANK YOU ROBERT



Colonel
Robert Donaldson

The TEE College Board of Directors replaced the College Council in 2012 (in line with the new Companies Act) and new Board members were appointed. One of our Board members, Colonel Robert Donaldson of the Salvation Army, leaves us to take up the leadership of the Salvation Army in New Zealand and Fiji.

Robert had been a member for the former College Council, and his background, wisdom and experience in Leadership, Management and Theological Education was a significant help and blessing as the Council made the transition required by the new Companies Act. Although we will miss Robert's insightful contributions to Board discussions, we do wish him and his wife, Janine, God's richest blessing in their new senior leadership roles and ministry.

It now falls to the College's supporting churches to make nominations for the vacancy on the Board. Just as Robert came to us in God's timing, do pray for those nominated that among them will be found the person that God desires to use in the leadership of the College for the coming years.



NEW HIGHER CERTIFICATES FOR MINISTRY

The College is currently developing seven new higher certificates that focus in specific ministry areas. This is in response to the needs of those who would like to do some study that assists their ministry but are not wanting to do a whole theological qualification.

The higher certificates in Pastoral Care and in Christian Leadership and Management are half-way through the accreditation process. Those focused on Christian Proclamation and Christian Worship are still being evaluated and begin accreditation in January. The remaining three higher certificates (Church Growth, Youth, and Children's ministry) will be submitted for accreditation during 2014.

These new programmes are designed to assist lay people in ministry and are also helpful to clergy who train others or who wish to broaden their own exploration in a ministry area. We will give progress updates via future editions of the LINK.



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