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# LETTER FROM THE DEAN

The Faculty of Theology and Religion has done what is expected from a faculty at a university. On several levels the faculty has made exceptional contributions.

From the different reports from the departments it is clear that good quality teaching to students is a priority. In this regard the Faculty has succeeded despite the serious disruption of lectures as a result of the nationwide #FeesMustFall campaign last year. I would like to commend colleagues who worked hard to provide good education to students to such an extent that the academic year could be concluded successfully for students.

Staff members actively attended and actively took part in a number of conferences, both nationally and internationally. A significant number of lecturers presented papers at international conferences. As has always been the case, the Faculty also produced a large number of publications. Colleagues contributed to monographs, festschrifts and accredited theological journals. Special mention should be made of *Acta*

*Theologica* that still enjoys so-called ISI status, one of only two theological journals in South Africa at this level.

Colleagues in the faculty are also involved in numerous ways with the church and community. Shepherd, the Faculty's centre for religious leaders, makes an important contribution in this regard in presenting a number of short learning programmes and courses for ministers and religious leaders in congregations. There is a growing trend in the teaching and learning of the Faculty to reflect theologically on that which is theologically relevant to communities of faith.

Finally, a faculty cannot function without effective administration. Therefore I want to pay homage to the support staff who deliver a service that cannot be put into words.

Enjoy reading about the activities of the Faculty in 2016!

Fanie Snyman







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# Departments in the Faculty **Theology**



## DEPARTMENT OF OLD TESTAMENT

### Humble in knowledge and teaching

Apart from the normal duties of an academic department in terms of providing a good education to students, 2016 has been an exceptional year for the Department of Old Testament.

For the first time in history the three-yearly conference of the International Organisation for the Study of the Old Testament (IOSOT) took place in Africa. The event was held at Stellenbosch University in September. Colleagues from the Department of Old Testament made good use of the opportunity to read papers in front of a select international audience of Old Testament experts and to participate actively in discussions and discourses at the conference. It was also the ideal opportunity to have individual conversations with experts from all over the world, to test ideas and to be stimulated to investigate deeper.

Mr Neels Redelinghuys, a doctoral student in the Department, read a paper, as did Dr Marius Terblanche, Research Fellow and part-time lecturer. Papers were also read by Rev. Marlene Oosthuizen, who completed her Master's degree in the Department, as well as Prof. Fanie Snyman. Prof. Hans Ausloos, Research Fellow, was privileged to be one of the keynote speakers. Papers often led to intense discussions.

Dr Nic Schmidt, temporary part-time lecturer in the Department, was awarded his PhD at the July graduation ceremony of the University of the Free State. His thesis, *God is a sage: Human cognition and metaphorical conceptualisation in Biblical Hebrew Wisdom*, was completed with Prof. P.J. Nel as promotor. Apart from Dr Schmidt's thesis several other colleagues published contributions in academic journals in Old Testament.

Prof. Snyman also had the opportunity to attend the annual conference of the Society for Biblical Literature (SBL) in San Antonio in Texas in the USA, where he was invited to take part in the Malachi Study Group's discussion of aspects of the book of Malachi.

Prof. Hans Ausloos, a Research Fellow and Professor at the UCL in Belgium, was awarded the Mgr Jozef Coppens Prize of the *Koninklijke Vlaamse Academie van België voor Wetenschappen en Kunsten* (Royal Flemish Academy of Belgium for Science and the Arts) for his monograph *The Deuteronomist's History*, that was published by Brill in Leiden in the Netherlands last year. Prof. Ausloos is a regular visitor to the Department to conduct research and to lecture regarding the discipline of Old Testament.





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# DEPARTMENT OF NEW TESTAMENT

## International and local impact

Normal education at undergraduate and postgraduate level continued throughout the year. In terms of postgraduate students, the group of students who started with the Master's degree in Spirituality in 2015 completed another two modules during 2016. They are expected to complete the course by June 2017. PhD students in the Department also made progress, with Rev. Riaan Stander completing his thesis successfully. In his thesis, *Menein as key to a mystical reading of John 15*, he argues and demonstrates an important new angle for the understanding of the gospel of John.

A supplemental edition of *Acta Theologica*, titled *The socially disadvantaged in Early Christianity*, with Prof. Tolmie as editor was published during 2016. This volume views from a number of perspectives the way in which the socially disadvantaged was approached during early Christianity. Several renowned New Testament

experts contributed to this interesting volume, including amongst others Prof. Peter Lampe, Prof. Tobias Nicklas, Prof. John Fitzgerald, Prof. Pieter de Villiers, Prof. Cilliers Breytenbach, Prof. Andries van Aarde and Prof. Michael Tilly.

The Department also presented a conference on Christology. The focus of this conference was on the fact that interpretation of Jesus always takes place from a specific historical situation and that this situation influences the interpretation. Papers read at this conference will appear in the new academic series of the Faculty, namely *UFS Theological Explorations*. Prof. Pieter de Villiers (Extraordinary Professor) and Prof. Francois Tolmie both read papers at the conference, as well as Prof. Celia Kourie and Dr Dustin Ellington (Research Fellows in the Department). Prof. Peter Lampe (Honorary Professor in the Department) was supposed to deliver

A photograph of Prof. Hermie van Zyl, an older man with grey hair and glasses, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and a red patterned tie. He is standing behind a wooden podium with two microphones, looking slightly to his left. To his right, there is a large bouquet of pink and purple flowers. The background is dark.

Prof. Hermie van Zyl delivers a word of thanks after receiving the Van Drimmelen Medal



the keynote address but serious illness prevented his attendance. However, his paper was read out at the conference. Prof. De Villiers and Prof. Tolmie also read papers at a conference on theological disciplines and the (post)apartheid situation. This conference was organised by Prof. Rian Venter. Prof. Tolmie also read a paper at a conference of the Society of Biblical Literature in Bourbonnais, USA. An American edition of the book on characters from the Gospel of John, edited by Prof. Tolmie, Prof. Steven Hunt and Prof. Ruben Zimmermann, was published during 2016.

Prof. De Villiers is involved in several international projects on spirituality. He was also elected as the Chairperson of the International Association for Spirituality – the first person from Africa to receive this honour. Prof. Hermie van Zyl was awarded the Van Drimmelen Medal for Bible translation from the South African Academy for Science

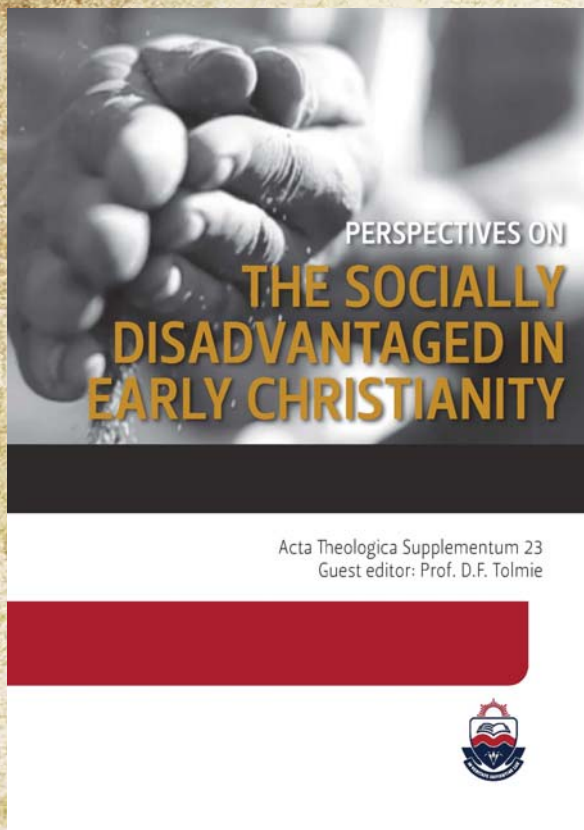
and Arts. This medal is awarded to a theologian who made a significant contribution to Bible translation over a long period. Prof. Van Zyl was honoured in this manner for his numerous contributions to Bible translation. He is also the first lecturer from the Faculty of Theology at the University of the Free State to be honoured with such an award by the South African Academy for Science and Arts.

Researchers at the Department do not only focus on academic matters. Prof. Hermie van Zyl and Prof. Francois Tolmie were asked by the Christelike Uitgewersmaatskappy to be responsible for all the New-Testament books for a new thematic Study Bible. These contributions were completed in 2016 and the new Study Bible is being prepared for publication at the moment. In addition Prof. Van Zyl is also involved with the English Bible translation for the Deaf by the Bible Society. He also writes regular theological columns for *Volksblad*.

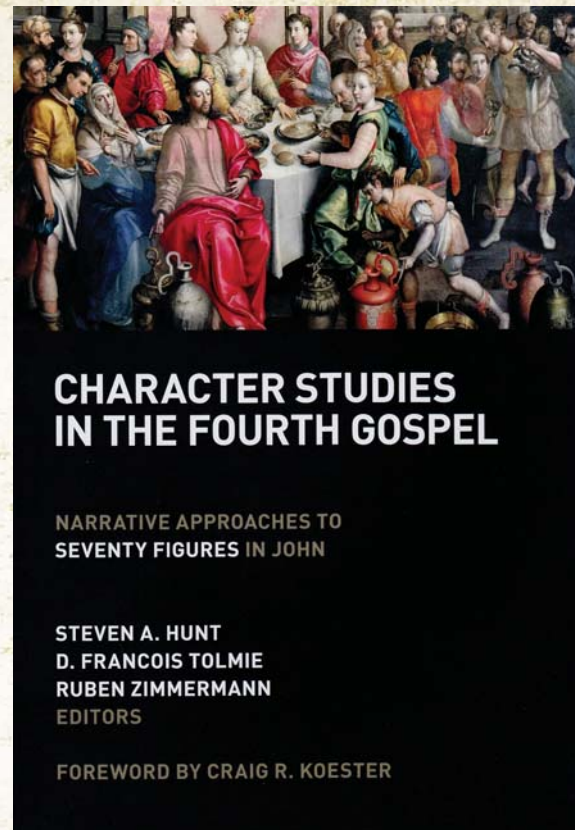


Conference-goers at the conference on Christology





Cover page of the publication on the socially disadvantaged in early Christianity



Cover page of the America edition of *Character Studies in the Fourth Gospel*

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# DEPARTMENT OF SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY

## Innovation, relevance and integrity

The Department of Systematic Theology has experienced another excellent year in terms of teaching, research and international contact, marked by innovation, strive towards relevance and theological integrity.

The Department places *a high premium on undergraduate education*. Study guides are continuously developed to reflect new research, to keep up with changes in the context and to explore innovative learning experiences. Increasingly, technological aids are employed.

*Research projects by postgraduate students* are planned meticulously. Apart from paying attention to the technical requirements for research, fields of investigation are thought through carefully. Increasingly, the Department

uses focused research agendas and there is sensitivity towards the larger social meaning of knowledge-generation. Seven mini-dissertations on Master's degree level were completed under the supervision of Prof. Rian Venter: J. Ahn worked on Vanhoozer's view of Scripture, B. Baard on Coakley's view of Trinity, D. Kleynhans on the Historical Jesus in Moltmann, R. Leeuw on the public theology of R. Williams, R. Molefe on Africa Christology, N. Oosthuizen on Brueggemann and the so-called "dark side of God" and B. Otto on the mystery of God in Barth. These themes provide clear evidence of the interaction with contemporary developments in theology and the Department's antenna for social and church relevance;



Prof. A. Verhoef and Rev. M. Laubscher



yet the search for theological identity and integrity remains.

The interdisciplinary Master's degree in Reconciliation and Social Cohesion in cooperation with the Institute for Reconciliation and Social Justice was presented for the first time in 2016 with students from diverse work environments and academic backgrounds. Rev. Anlené Taljaard is responsible for the theology module, which focuses on the following two units, namely a) Public theology and emancipatory justice, with a focus on the theoretical description of several public theological

models functioning in a number of contexts. Then a practical constructive application of the theological description of "justice as inclusion" is investigated critically in light of public discourse; and b) The second part of the module focuses on liturgies of life and here ways are investigated through which an ethos of social cohesion and community in a diverse society can be made possible.

*Research* in the Department is supported by a number of renowned *research fellows*. The outputs for 2016 were exceptionally good and a substantial number of articles



Prof. V. Brümmer from the Netherlands delivered a guest lecture.



were published in several accredited journals. (A list appears elsewhere in this annual report.)

The following people were invited to present *guest lectures* at the Faculty: Prof. A. Verhoef (NWU) spoke about the relevance of contemporary philosophy of religion for theology in South Africa; Prof. J.F. Baldovin (Boston, USA) on the sacramentality of the Word; Prof. V. Brümmer (Utrecht, the Netherlands) on Neo-Calvinism and Evangelical Spirituality as two trends in the Dutch Reformed Church; and Prof. D. Tombs (New Zealand) on sexual violence and stigma. These visits are important to the Department and the Faculty as it promotes

intellectual discussion and stimulates the creation of new knowledge.

Rev. Anlené Taljaard was invited by the former Moderator of the VGKSA, Prof. Mary Anne Plaatjies van Huffel, to contribute to the festschrift of Prof. Allan Boesak, *A life in Black Liberation Theology*, published by SUN MeDIA, RAP. Her contribution is titled *Unashamed evangelical? The poetic-preached word of salvation that nourishes, illuminates, persuades and liberates our full humanity*. The collection was handed to him at the General Synod of the VGKSA. Rev. Taljaard also made a contribution on prayer and protest at the three-yearly event of the



Rev. Anlené Taljaard with Prof. D. Tombs, guest lecturer from New Zealand.



global network of public theology, which took place in the Southern Hemisphere at Stellenbosch University in 2016. Guest speakers at the event included Rowan Williams, Will Storrar, Barney Pitjana and Dirkie Smit.

Prof. Rian Venter was the leader of an interesting research project on the relationship between theological disciplines and a changing society. The various

contributions by lecturers and research fellows were published by SUN MeDIA in a collection titled *Theology and the post(apartheid) condition: Genealogies and future directions*. This research represents thoughts on the changes in Higher Education in South Africa and is an extension of work already undertaken by the Faculty with a focus on epistemological transformation.

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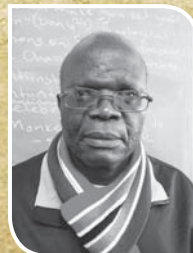


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## DEPARTMENT OF CHURCH HISTORY AND POLITY

### Change brings renewal

In a sense 2016 was a difficult year for the Department. Following the retirement of Prof. Piet Strauss and the relocation of Rev. Helené van Tonder the Department had to cope without full-time lecturers. However, the prescribed modules were presented through the part-time assistance of Prof. Strauss and Rev. Jan Lubbe.

Despite this disruption the Department managed to deliver an excellent number of *research outputs*. Special mention should be made of the productivity of Prof. Strauss and Prof. Hoffie Hofmeyr. This reaffirms the importance of the system of research fellows for a department.

The Faculty made a serious effort to advertise the positions and to *make appointments*. As part of the new arrangement with the Dutch Reformed Church in the Free State a person – Dr Henco van der Westhuizen – was called at the end of the year for a so-called “church position” that focuses on Reformed Theology. He took up this position at the start of 2017.

A *commemorative collection* for Prof. Piet Strauss included interesting contributions from, amongst others, Prof. P.C. Potgieter, Prof. E. Scheffler and Prof. J.M. van der Merwe was compiled.. This beautiful volume



Prof. Fanie Snyman and Prof. Piet Strauss at the handing over of the festschrift.



appeared at the end of 2016 as a supplementum of *Acta Theologica* and was handed to Prof. Strauss early in 2017.

The *amalgamation* of departments by the Faculty was approved by the UFS Council. Since the start of 2017 Church History and Polity and Systematic Theology form a new entity under the banner of “Historical

and Constructive Theology”. The amalgamation and the appointment of new staff brought about an unavoidable reconsideration about the nature and future of church history and polity. The important work and contributions made in the past deserve an appreciative mention.

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## DEPARTMENT OF MISSIOLOGY

### Emphasising the meaning of the Gospel



Prof. Pieter Verster and Rev. Raymond Lo, the Director of the Far Eastern Broadcast Corporation in Hong Kong.

The Department of Missiology contributed to the Faculty of Theology in a number of areas related to academic teaching, research and community service. The unique nature of Missiology means that missionary work as active duty was promoted.

Formal education was provided to students from their third to their sixth year. The meaning of missionary work in Africa under current circumstances received specific attention. Postgraduate teaching continues and interesting research on the experiences of farm workers was conducted. Part of the education involves outreaches to informal settlements, exposure to a cross-cultural church service and evangelisation in flats in the inner city.

Research was promoted through attending conferences and delivering a number of outputs. Prof. Pieter Verster read a paper at the conference of the International Association of Mission Studies in Seoul in August 2016. The paper, *Conversion and Transformation: An evaluation of Paul's experience*, was also published in an accredited journal. In addition, the annual conference of the South

African Academy for Science and Arts was attended, where Prof. Verster also read a paper on enculturation and culture. He also visited the Far Eastern Broadcasting Corporation in Hong Kong for research. Prof. Verster's other research contributions include topics such as the child in Africa, life after death, reconciliation, and moral values in South Africa. Dr Gideon van der Watt's research contributions include an article on missiology in current circumstances in the first edition of *UFS Theological Explorations* as well as a contribution to a book on prophecy. As co-researcher Rev. Bongani Nesi assisted in promoting research in schools in informal settlements in Mangaung.

Outreaches to communities in informal housing settlements continue. The current focus of these outreaches is the duty of schools in these areas. Prof. Verster also continues to deliver sermons on Radio Rosestad. Clerical work is promoted and Prof. Verster serves on the task group for testimonial action in Namibia.

Dr Van der Watt continues to make an exceptional contribution to the church and Kingdom through is





Dr Frans Hancke during a presentation of "The Plan".







involvement as Director: Testimonial Action of the NGKOVs by building church relationships between the NGKA and VKSA, as well as the RCA. He promotes the missionary work of the NGKOVs in a number of areas, including Zambia, Namibia and Japan.

Dr Frans Hancke delivers a service through the action "The Plan" and improvement and renewal of study material is planned. The material has been presented in 19 countries. In South Africa more than 150 congregations have been exposed to the material. More than 3000 copies of both the English and Afrikaans versions of the book *We are The Plan* have been distributed. The Bible study guide *Nine weeks of transformation* has passed the 7000 mark. Work is currently being done on preparing a digital sermon collection that will assist ministers in presenting the material of "The Plan" through sermons. *We are The Plan* has been the prescribed work for final-year theology students at the UFS for many years.

Shepherd uses the English version and material for the training of ministers from churches in Africa.

Networks of church leaders in 92 towns and cities in five of the states of Southern India were developed. In these networks 2350 church leaders were trained. The same strategy is applied in Indonesia, Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand and Sri Lanka. Community leaders in Nepal are equipped and trained with the material. A working group was held in Botswana recently and Dr Hancke was the keynote speaker at missionary conferences abroad and in South Africa (for example NG Langebaan). He also continues with the facilitation for strategic missionary positioning (Circle of the Dutch Reformed Church in Botswana's Lobatse Circle; Kgalagadi congregations, Botswana and Afrikaans congregations in the United Arab Emirates). Dr Johan Carstens serves the church through the application of the conclusions made in his thesis on market place missionary work in several communities.

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# DEPARTMENT OF PRACTICAL THEOLOGY

## High quality academic involvement

The Department aims to make a significant contribution towards the academic project of the Faculty of Theology and the University of the Free State. This reports sets out to map the role that this Department played during 2016 in pursuit of this goal.

### Presentations at academic conferences

The third Joint Conference of Academic Societies in South African was held at the University of Pretoria from 11-15 July 2016. The theme of the conference was "Faith and South African realities" and two lecturers presented papers:

- "Tweeting a digital autobiographical theology: Tracing Twitter in search for meaningful expression of Christian faith" – Prof. Jan-Albert van den Berg
- "The religious demography of the South African society – a reality for faith communities" – Prof. Kobus Schoeman

The eighth conference of the International Society for Empirical Research in Theology was held in Amsterdam (The Netherlands) from 1-3 June 2016 with theme "The Future of Religious Communities". Prof. Kobus Schoeman presented a paper on "Congregational praxis: Exploring empirical markers for the future (A South African case study)".

### Practical Theology: International visitors during 2016

Prof. Chris Hermans (Professor in Pastoral Theology, Radboud University, Nijmegen) visited the Department from 7-10 March 2016 and presented a doctoral workshop on qualitative empirical research in Practical Theology. The relationship with Prof. Hermans and the annual workshops that he conducts contribute toward the enhancement of academic research in the Department and the improvement of empirical research.



Prof. Chris Hermans (front, second from left) during his visit to the Faculty.



## Research in the Department

A research project with the title “Theological Disciplines and the (Post)Apartheid Condition: Genealogies and Future Directions” was undertaken in the Faculty under the leadership of Prof. Rian Venter. Four lecturers from the Department (Rev. Martin Laubscher, Dr Joseph Pali, Prof. Kobus Schoeman and Prof. Jan-Albert van den Berg) submitted research papers for this project and published chapters in the first volume of *UFS Theological Explorations*.

## NetAct

Prof. Kobus Schoeman and Dr Joseph Pali attended the annual general meeting of NetAct from 3-8 July 2016 at the St Paul University in Limuru, Kenya. The NetAct central cluster is developing and progress is made with the cooperation with Justo Mwale University (Lusaka, Zambia) and the Lesotho Evangelical Church. This cooperation opens important doors and opportunities for the Department and the Faculty towards the development of a relevant and contextual theology for the African continent.



Dr Joseph Pali and Prof. R.R. Ganzevoort

## Staff news

Rev. Joseph Pali has completed his doctoral dissertation “Leadership and transformation in the African church: a practical theological study of one denomination”. He received the degree on 7 December 2016 in Amsterdam (The Netherlands) as the first student to receive a joint PhD between the Faculty and the Vrije Universiteit.

Dr Juanita Meyer was appointed as lecturer in the Department from 1 October 2016 with specialisation in the field of pastoral care.

Dr Johan Nel, a part-time lecturer in pastoral care in the Department, is the chairperson of the advisory board of the Unit for Professional Training and Services in the Behavioural Sciences (UNIBS) at the UFS.





Doctoral students at Justo Mwale University in Zambia



Attendees at the annual general meeting of NetAct at the St Paul University in Limuru, Kenya.



Master's degree students in the Department



Dr Joseph Pali (front, middle) at his graduation ceremony at the Vrije Universiteit.



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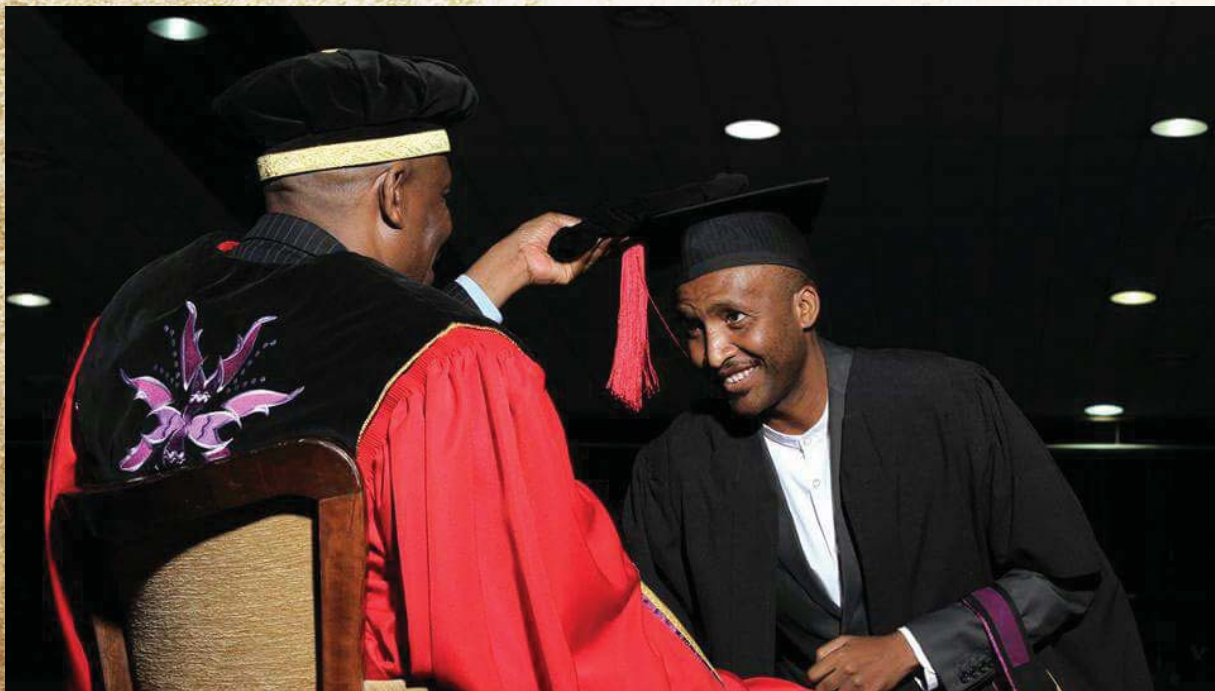
### Embodying various religions

Staff members of the Department of Religion Studies continue to contribute to the field in terms of research as well as teaching. Dr Luvuyo Ntombana, the Head of the Department and a Thuthuka grant holder under the National Research Foundation (NRF), conducted research on various themes related to youth cultures and youth identities. The findings will be published in the form of a book and various articles. In July 2016, Dr Ntombana was promoted to senior lectureship. This is a milestone for the Department as he is also the only full-time academic staff member in the Department. In November 2016, Dr Ntombana was interviewed by CNN News on the topic of youth and initiation practices (Check out web\_video\_Scott\_INITIATION\_REFLECTION: <http://www.enca.com/south-africa/initiation-is-a-reflection-of-society>). Rev. J. Mokhoathi, who is a PhD candidate under the mentorship of Dr Ntombana, received a contract lecturer position in the Department of Religion Studies.

In terms of the enrolment of postgraduate students, three students received financial assistance from the NRF under the Thuthuka Research Grant in 2016. Two of the three grant recipients (Revs T. Jentile and J. Mokhoathi)

graduated with a Master's degree in Religion Studies in December 2016. Both are currently PhD students in the Department. Three students, Revs C. Mretyana, T. Kepu and M. Diko, graduated with honours degrees in Religion Studies in June 2016. This brings the total number of 2016 graduates to five in this department. It is worth mentioning that there has been progression in student enrolment from honours to Master's and then PhD level in the Department. For an example, the students who completed their honours are now registered for Master's and the ones who completed their Master's degrees are now PhD candidates in the same Department.

In May 2016 the Department of Religion Studies hosted Dr Nokuzola Mndende, a scholar and a practitioner in African Traditional Religions. Mndende presented a lecture titled *From the periphery to the centre: African Traditional Religion in a democratic state*. This was a remarkable visit for the students considering that some of Mndende's papers are prescribed for reading in the Department. This lecture was attended by students from the Faculty of Theology, Theology staff members and staff members from other faculties. The plan is to make this lecture an annual event where various



Rev. Thembelani Jentile



religious affiliations can come and showcase their liturgy and worship activities coupled with a main lecture on that particular religion.

The Inter Religious Forum (IRF) is a forum that has a strong relationship with the Department of Religion Studies. This forum is composed of representatives from

various religious and faith formations. Members meet once a month to discuss various issues that relate to faith, society and the role of religion. In 2016 various papers were read at these meetings, some by guests, some by members of the IRF and some by university staff members.



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## SHEPHERD CENTRE



"God has entrusted us with his most precious treasure - people. He asks us to shepherd and mold them into strong disciples, with brave faith and good character." - John Ortberg

The Shepherd Centre supports and cares for spiritual leaders within the Christian tradition in the community on behalf of the Faculty of Theology through theological training. For some spiritual leaders registering as full-time students at the UFS is not an option. Shepherd makes this training available through short-learning programmes.

### CPD opportunities

The year kicked off with Module 6 of the Certificate in Ministry Innovation that was presented at the Faculty from 2-3 February 2016. Module 6 focuses on *Growth ... Shaping discipline-ship and ministry* and was presented by Dr Frederick Marais of Communitas.

Fresh Expressions of Church: Mission Shaped Ministry (msm) presented a training opportunity for course leaders at the Trinity Methodist Church in March 2016. Rev. Phillip Botha, team leader of the Fresh Expressions team in South Africa, was the presenter. The goal is to train trainers in order for them to help plan and present the msm course in their own areas. The course consists of 24 modules that can be structured and presented in various ways. The course was available for ministers / congregation

leaders with theological training, ministry experience, involvement in the development of a missionary faith community and who offer good communication skills.

A big event during 2016 was the Conversation with the Faculty. Lecturers presented various themes, including *New developments in Practical Theology* (Prof. Jan-Albert van den Berg); *Religious leadership: Unattainable ideal* (Dr Gerhard Botha); *Let's talk about Systematic Theology: The significant theologians, the new books, the shifting ideas - and the ministry* (Prof. Rian Venter); *In conversation with Barth on preaching* (Rev. Martin Laubscher); *In conversation with Missiology* (Prof. Pieter Verster); *The conversation on homosexuality in the Dutch Reformed Church: The factor we are overlooking* (Prof. Francois Tolmie) and *Exegesis and preaching: Rom 7:14-25 as a test case* (Prof. Hermie van Zyl).

The CPD Winter Week 2016 and Module 8 of the Certificate in Ministry Innovation were presented simultaneously in June. The theme of the CPD Winter Week was *Sermons as Aesthetical Events*. The event got underway in the Dutch Reformed Congregation Universitas-Wes with opening and welcoming by Rev. Gideon Lamprecht. Other presenters included Johan van der Merwe, Prof. Rian Venter, Elsabé Kloppers, Cas Wepener, Cas Vos, Breda Ludik, Rev. Martin Laubscher, Prof. Francois Tolmie and Jan and Petria Smit.



The CPD Winter Week 2016 kicked off at the Dutch Reformed Congregation Universitas-Wes in Bloemfontein.



The rest of the CPD Winter Week took place at the Dutch Reformed Congregation Heuwelsig in Bloemfontein.





At the CPD Winter Week were, from left, Prof. Francois Tolmie, Dr Gerhard Botha, Jan Smit, Breda Ludik and Petria Smit.

The Certificate in Ministry Innovation's Module 3, themed *Trinity*, was presented at the Faculty in August. The presenters were Prof. Rian Venter, Rev. Anlené Taljaard and Rev. Martin Laubscher. The Module 3 programme was followed by a presentation by Prof. Hermie van Zyl, Emeritus Professor in New Testament at the UFS, on Romans 1:26-27 and the same-sex relationship debate. Romans 1:26-27 is probably the most well-known New Testament text in the same-sex relationship debate. During his presentation, Prof. Van Zyl evaluated the exegetic validity of these efforts. His argument was that the case for or against same-sex relationships is not exegetic but hermeneutic. The aim of the event was not to persuade but to present a specific thought paradigm on exegesis and hermeneutics at the hand of a sensitive issue from Rom 1:26-27.

Dr Gerhard Botha presented Module 7: *Missionary congregations – hopeful and energetic for our calling* during September. The Certificate in Ministry Innovation's

Module 9, with the theme *Community – to strengthen koinonia and service*, was presented by Dr Willie van der Merwe in October.

## Shepherd's community workshops

The Mandela Day Initiative workshop *Church and Society – Love Of Christ In Action* was presented by Dr KT Resane at the South Campus during July. The workshop focused on the role of the church in society, as the love of Christ in action. The focus was on three dimensions that the church should gear itself to, namely *kerygma* (proclamation), *diakonia* (acts of service), and *koinonia* (fellowship).

## Shepherd's short-learning programmes

### Our students at Thaba Nchu

There is a great need for theological training among the people of Thaba Nchu and Pastor Ernest Legegeru took it upon himself to open a Shepherd School in the area. Fifteen students received their first certificates for the short-learning programme "The Plan" in February. Dr Gerhard Botha handed over the certificates and thanked Pastor Legegeru for his motivation and hard work to expand the involvement of *Shepherds4Africa* in the Thaba Nchu area.

The workshop *Church and Society – Love Of Christ In Action* by Dr KT Resane was presented together with the certificate ceremony in Qwaqwa in October. Forty-one students received "The Plan" certificates. Significant support is received from Dr Elsa Crause and Rev. Dubois du Toit.



Prof. Hermie van Zyl, Emeritus Professor in New Testament at the UFS, did a presentation on the same-sex relationships debate.





Dr Thomas Resane presented a workshop *Church and Society – Love Of Christ In Action*.





Module 3 of the Certificate in Ministry Innovation was presented by Prof. Rian Venter. From left are Prof. Venter, Rev. Martin Coetzer, Rev. Annatha Nel, Rev. Francois du Plooy, Rev. Ian Jonker and Pastor Bernard van der Vlies.

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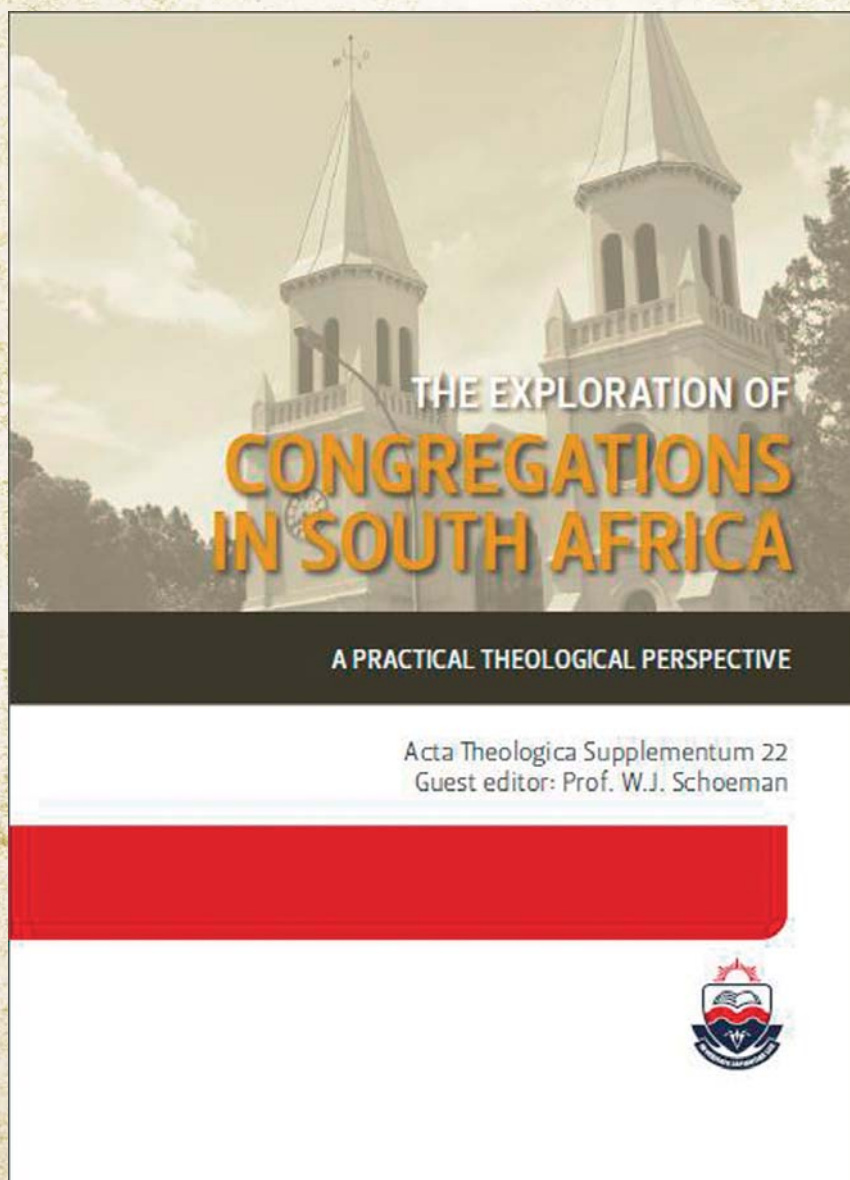
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# SOLA GRATIA

## A year full of vulnerability and wonder

Dear lecturers, staff and fellow students...

A year full of fun, relationship building, leaving comfort zones, outreach, taking hands and praying together... As I think back on 2016 I still see your eyes lighting up when we announced that the public relations tour (*Skakeltoer*) will visit Stellebosch, I see your amazement when Prof. Snyman and "Elvis" came to sing at the ice breaker evening, I see "David and Goliath", "Cain and Abel", "Esther", "Joseph", "Moses" (and even the Torah) at the Theology Informatl, I remember our shared vulnerability when we had to write letters to each other at the Sola Gratia Camp (I still read them again and again!)... I remember how you smiled, even when you were dead on your feet, when we played with the little boys at the youth care centre, I see a diverse group of young people embracing each other, dancing together and eating together at the Formal, I see your uncertainty, your frowns and tears for our campus and country during protests and how we took hands and prayed together. There are so many moments that will cling to my heart forever...

I look back at (another) God-given year – I am am grateful, not for all the things we could do or achieve, but for all the people whom I could share it with. Everyone whose heart we could touch, whose hands we could hold and support, every smile we could cause, everyone who could see, through our words and actions, that we live and do "sola gratia" ... And in particular I am grateful for each one of you!

It is my prayer that you will continue to see one another and others as God sees us, that you will tackle each task you receive from God with enthusiasm, that you will cry about injustice and stand up for what is right, that you will have a teachable Spirit and that you will experience, live and share the grace of God every day.

I leave you with this thought: *Don't build structures, build relationships!*

ALL glory to God FOREVER!

Greetings and blessings, Thania Labuschagne

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## WHAT DO THE STUDENTS SAY?

### Why I study theology...

The Lord does not want us to hide His message or just keep it to ourselves. He wants us to express and voice His message to others. When Jesus greets His disciples for the last time in Matt.28:19-20, He asks them to disseminate the good news to others. In John it is also the main command that Jesus gave to His disciples. I study theology because I know that the Lord expects me as a believer to be a bearer of the good news about Jesus. I do not possess the exact insight, knowledge and wisdom to convey the Word of God correctly. Therefore, it is essential that I receive the right training to qualify me to perform this extremely important mission to the best of my ability. – Bernice Baard (final-year student)

I study theology as a result of an unknown, slumbering dream that God awakened in me. A dream to make His Kingdom bigger, to be equipped with knowledge to bring hope in challenging times, to His honour, under guidance of the Holy Spirit. – Jaques Else (fifth-year student)

I have the wonderful opportunity to get to know the Bible better and to delve into the treasures locked inside. This knowledge enriches my life on a daily basis and I also look forward to sharing this knowledge with others and in this manner have a positive influence on their life. I believe that God wants me to study theology and it is an honour and a privilege to be in the service of our Redeemer and Saviour. At the same time I also believe that we have a huge responsibility resting on our shoulders, but with God's blessing I relish the opportunity. – Francois Jonker (fourth-year student)

I feel that I was called to study theology and that it is the start of a very big plan that the Lord has for my life. It is something more than academics, it is a discovery of God in so many unique ways. For me theology is the map on which I can draw my ministry together with God and at the same time increase my knowledge of Him. – Rikus Botha (fifth-year student)

I view myself as absolutely privileged to call myself a theology student. My calling is to be in service of the Lord on a full-time basis. I am motivated by the goal of obedience with the expectation of gaining specific tools through my theology studies. That such a key aspect of

my life's journey, namely my theology studies, may take place at the UFS is without a doubt the biggest privilege I could have dreamed of. All glory and honour to the Holy Trinity, who not only called me but also enables me to live out this calling. – HJ Prinsloo (fifth-year student)

I study theology because I am convinced that it has the power to make a difference in society. It enables you think about your place in life in a new way. It makes you realise that God is always acting and that we are totally dependent on Him. – Bernard van Wyk (fifth-year student)

I considered everything from beauty to psychology to education. To study theology was an unexpected revelation of my calling to work for the Lord. I am still not sure that the end-goal of my calling is but until then the journey with God is exciting and through studying theology I hope to gain as much information, experience and education to live out my calling to the fullest. – Marnico Wessels (final-year student)

The most important reason I am studying theology is because God called me to work for Him. Secondly, I want to make a difference, especially in the lives of teenagers because I know how hard life can be. Finally, my mother is my inspiration and contributed to my decision. Her love for God and the way in which she served Him has made a difference in my life. – Paul Els (third-year student)

I am studying theology, because I want to become a minister. To lead the people of God you need to understand God, have a deeper knowledge of God, rather than only depending on what the Bible says. Theology is exactly this and it is a strong and powerful weapon for me to defend my faith. – Mawande Soga (fourth-year student)

I started studying theology in my second year. During long times of sickness, the Lord has carried me and helped me to realise that I want to help other people that are going through hard times. I started studying psychology and during my first year, the Lord showed me that people can only be completely healed through Him and not by something I do or say. – Hane Fourie (fourth-year student)



# ACADEMIC PROGRAMME

## Undergraduate training

Programme	Minimum Period	Compulsory grade 12 Subjects	Subject to selection	Minimum Admission Score
Higher Certificate in Theology	1 or 2 years	None	No	20
BDiv	4 years	None	No	30
BDiv (Extended Programme)	5 years	None	No	25-29
Advanced Diploma in Theology	2 years (part-time)	A diploma (240 credits, NQF Level 6) or Bachelor's Degree (360 credits, NQF Level 7)		

The Faculty of Theology subscribes to the general admission requirements of the University of the Free State. Admission requirements are subject to change.

## What can I do with a BDiv degree?

Minister or pastor / Missionary (local or international) / Chaplain in e.g. the Police Services / Youth Worker / Project leader in community development / Journalist or announcer in religious matters / Researcher / Life coach / Pastoral counsellor / Bible translator

## Postgraduate training

PROGRAMME	MINIMUM PERIOD
Postgraduate Diploma in Theology	1 year (full-time)
Honours in Theology	1 year (full-time) / 2 years (part-time)
MDiv	1 year (full-time)
MA Bible Translation	1 year (full-time) / 2 years (part-time)
MA Bible Translation Management	1 year (full-time) / 2 years (part-time)
Master's degree in Theology (MTh)	1 year (full-time) / 2 years (part-time)
Doctorate in Theology (DTh/PhD)	2 years (full-time) / 4 years (part-time)



## The Faculty consists of seven departments:

Old Testament  
New Testament  
Systematic Theology  
Church History and Polity  
Missiology  
Practical Theology  
Religion Studies

## Programme

### (1) Higher Certificate in Theology

This course offers an introduction to the study of Christian ministry. Christian leaders are trained and empowered to make a meaningful impact in the community. This course is ideal for anybody who is in a situation where Christian ministry is needed, e.g. Bible study leaders, Sunday school teachers and youth leaders. Special attention is paid to African theology. This course also serves as a bridging qualification for the BDiv degree for students with an AP score of 20-24.

### (2) BDiv:

BDiv is a full-time course where you will learn:

- how to study and interpret the Bible;
- about the history of general Christendom;
- how to do missionary work;
- how to apply theology practically in the church;
- about other religions;
- how to read and understand ancient languages such as Greek, Hebrew and Latin; and
- about other disciplines such as psychology, philosophy, sociology and music.

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