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DEAN'S MESSAGE

“Our standing is a true measure of our most valuable, and intangible, asset of all – people.”

How should we review 2021? The COVID-19 pandemic did not change our situation in 2020. Colleagues and students had to adjust to a new normal from the start of 2021 and make peace with the situation by working remotely. All this happened beyond our plans and desires. This situation caused a fair amount of anxiety, discomfort, difficulty, and disappointment. Some of our colleagues, as in 2020, suffered directly from the pandemic; some lost very close family members and friends. Despite all these, we thank God that we survived and overcame the difficulties we encountered. Through prayers and support from all over, we survived and are smoothly going through the processes of renewal, healing, and restoration.

It should be mentioned that 2021 also brought joy to the Faculty of Theology and Religion with the employment of new members, namely Dr Doniwen Pietersen, Ms Ntando Mlambo, and Rev. Jacob Mokhutso. We also welcomed a colleague from another Faculty, namely Ms Anneli Machin. More will be mentioned about these colleagues under the departmental reports. We believe that they had an incredible year despite all the challenges and adjustments during the year. We truly appreciate their enormous contribution towards the success of the Faculty.

As evident in the report from the different HODs from our four departments, the Faculty is once again boasting great successes. It is a custom in our Faculty that our colleagues do not stand back in challenging times. They face difficulties head-on, and overcome them with remarkable success and, for this, we want to commend each and every colleague. 2021 came with a massive surprise to us. In a previous report, I mentioned that we look forward to starting a diploma in Theology in 2023, because our numbers for the mainstream BDiv qualification did not increase, despite the spike in the Higher Certificate. Hence, the whole idea was to gradually do away with the HC. The surprise was the overturn of students who registered in 2021 for the mainstream qualification. This made us rethink our decision and defer the decision to offer a diploma in Theology.

We started the semester late this year, and this did not decrease the staff's work but instead placed more pressure on their shoulders. We thank the Lord that they were able to carry more weight, and we believe that grace carried everyone. We had 17 full-time lecturers and 573 students (466 undergraduate and 107 postgraduate). Although we

are overwhelmed with the growth, we are cognisant of the fact that growth at any institution is a problem if we rely on funding and do not get self-funding students. This is a global problem, and we plead with the churches, stakeholders, and partners to play and continue to play an essential role in supporting their students and the Faculty, as this will lead to sustainability and secure hope for the future. The growth in student numbers has mainly been in our undergraduate cohort. Looking back to 2015, the Faculty had 0 registrations in the HC and only 73 students in the BDiv. In 2021, we had 199 students in the HC qualification and 266 in the BDiv programme. The total number of BDiv students for 2015 is the total number we have for the first years in the BDiv programme, which is substantive. We have been praying for this over the past years. Students suddenly developed some great interest in the BDiv programme, and all this with only 17 full-time lecturers. Our lecturers have enormously well in helping the students and meeting them halfway. They always go the extra mile. We also thank our support staff. We do not always mention



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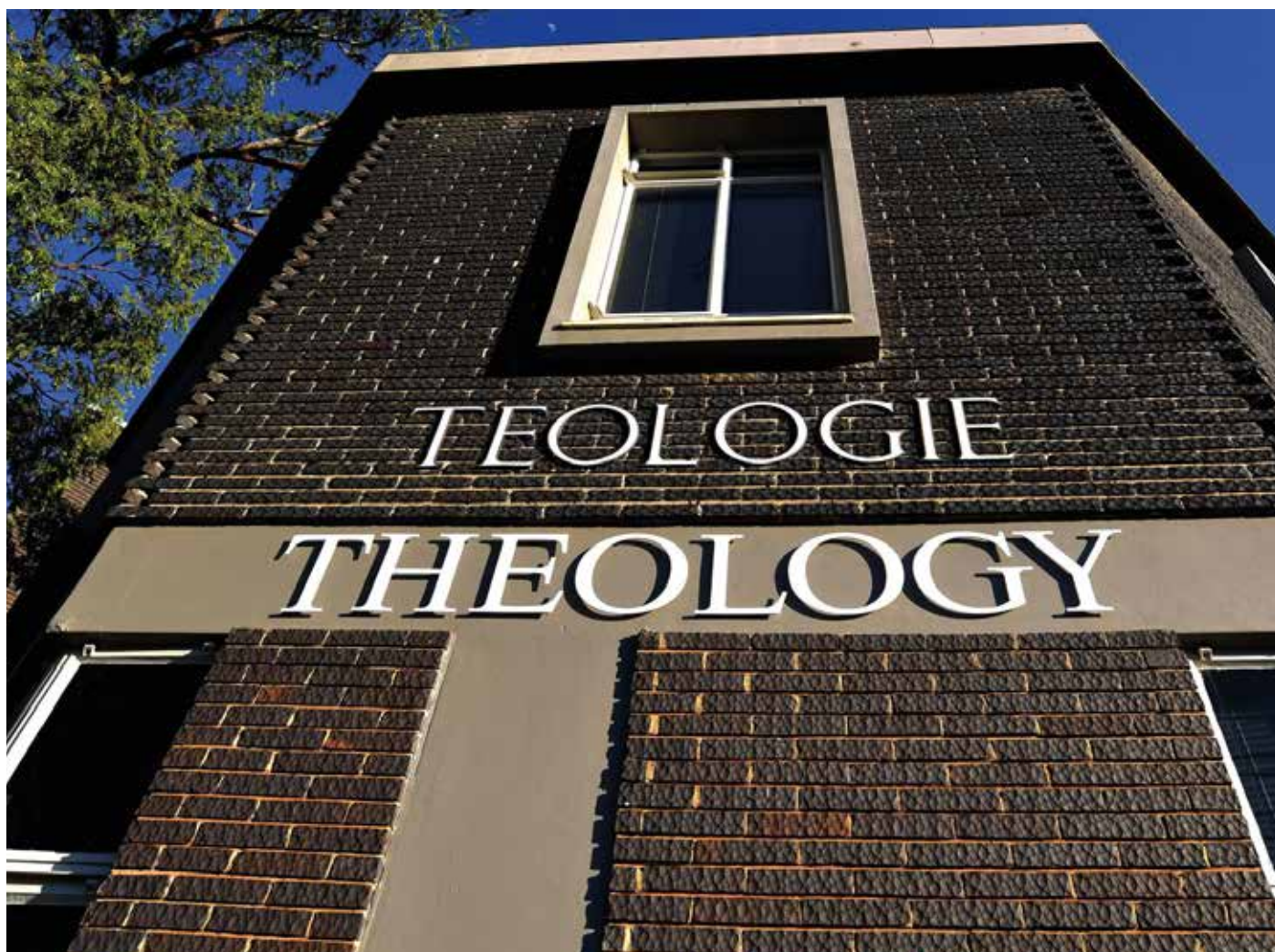
the mammoth task they have on their shoulders to ensure that we reach the target. We surely would not make it without their contribution. They are there for the students from the recruitment process, through their years of study until their exit. Their role is such that our Faculty would not survive without them, and one cannot measure their contribution in the life cycle of the students as well as in supporting the academic staff in their responsibilities. I am not going to repeat the information that has been captured in the reports from the different departments.

But I have to congratulate our staff for their outstanding research output. One of our colleagues, Dr Martin Laubscher, has been promoted to senior lecturer and Drs Lodewyk Sutton and Henco van der Westhuizen have been promoted to associate professors. Among the recent developments, we must also congratulate Dr Baron who recently received an NRF rating and has been nominated to represent the UFS academics on the UFS Council.

We are proud to have representation on that level, and this puts our Faculty on the map. Prof Francois Tolmie was also nominated in the last Senate meeting to serve on the Research Committee of the UFS as a B-rated scholar. In the same breath, I congratulate our colleagues who go the extra mile regarding scholarship of engagement. Reaching out with students, especially during the pandemic, is even more challenging than previously and yet some academics took risks to embark on this and made the best of the situation.

This year we embarked on a new strategic vision for the Faculty. It went through a consultation process with different bodies and representatives, including our Advisory Board members who contributed positively.

Please enjoy reading through the Departmental reports for a more detailed picture of the Faculty of Theology and Religion of 2021.





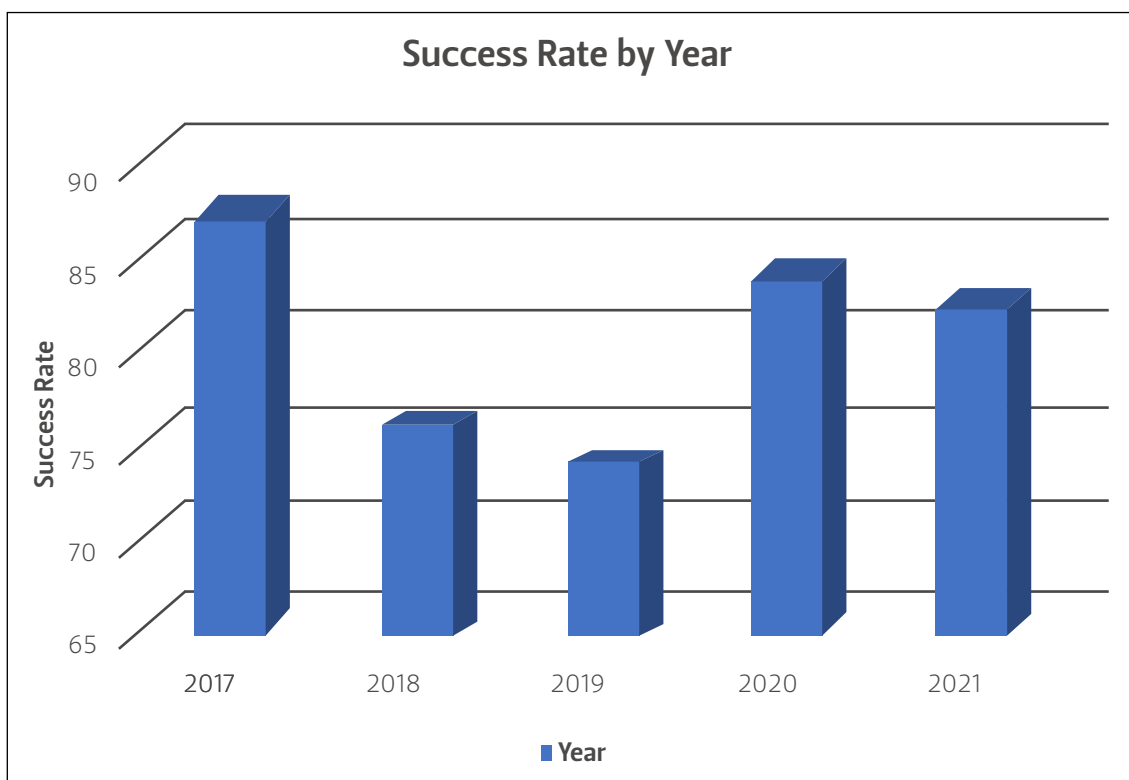
2021 marked the second year of Remote Online Teaching and Learning at the University of the Free State (UFS), together with many more lessons learnt, which at times proved more overwhelming than motivating.

The institution learnt how to be intentional about optimising technology for quality teaching and learning and becoming more sensitive to student and staff needs in a more tangible way. The value of CARE took a different shape in the community of the UFS, with

management leadership trickling down to faculties and departments at large. On one level or another, everyone knew they were well cared for. This was, of course, not without its challenges, but faced ever-changing circumstances, both staff and students persevered to the end of yet another completed academic year. The Faculty of Theology and Religion was no exception to this. Despite the unbelievable loss and pain suffered by staff and students, the Faculty maintained an overall success rate of 82.5%, a mere 1.3% decrease from 2020.

Table 1 Success Rate by Year

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Although at the end of the year, the Faculty had to academically exclude its highest number of students (74), due to not meeting the minimum progression rules in order to reregister at the institution, by the end of the registration period in February 2022, the Faculty numbered an impressive 593 registered students. This led to the Faculty growth of an additional 21 students compared to the 2021 data, where at the end of the year the Faculty had 572 registered students.

Table 2 Total Registrations per Year

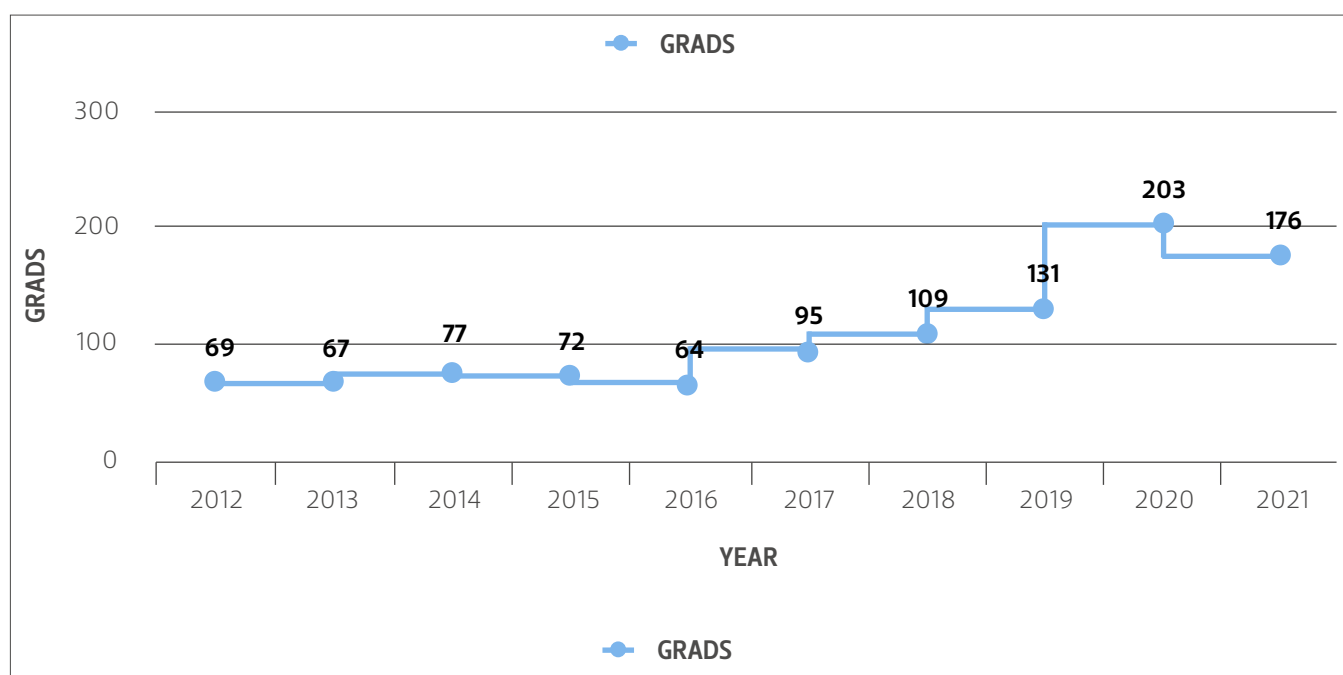
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2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
ENRL	ENRL	ENRL	ENRL	ENRL	ENRL	ENRL	ENRL	ENRL	ENRL
35	15	15	35	53	128	148	223	214	218
234	247	192	212	212	215	252	281	358	375
269	262	207	248	265	343	400	504	572	593

In addition to the high exclusion rate, the myriad of challenges experienced all year round led to some students failing, others dropping out, and two sadly passing away. These unfortunate circumstances regrettably affected the total number of graduates at the end of 2021 compared to 2022. The total number was still relatively higher than in previous years.

Table 3 Graduates by Years

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As COVID-19 seems to be loosening its grip on the human mind, we are rising above every obstacle presented by the pandemic, which was evident at the Faculty throughout every changing semester. In the words of the Dean, Prof. Rantsoa Letšosa, “the COVID-19 pandemic highlighted the resilience of the faculty management, staff, and in particular, the students.” We wish to thank everyone for their willingness to be flexible, adaptable, and patient with one another as we navigated these turbulent times. True is the saying, “...it takes a village....”



DEPARTMENT OF HISTORICAL AND CONSTRUCTIVE THEOLOGY

THE YEAR THAT WAS

We welcomed two new colleagues, Dr Eugene Fortein in History, and Ms Ntandoyenkosi Mlambo in Theological Ethics. Dr Henco van der Westhuizen moved to Systematic Theology, with Prof. Rian Venter focusing on Interdisciplinarity. In different ways, our Department has continued to rethink where we were and where we are continually considering where we want to be, for example, in conversing about decoloniality and a theology after Whiteness.



Left to right: Dr. Henco van der Westhuizen, Me. Ntandoyenkosi Mlambo, and Dr. Eugene Fortein

Ms Ntando Mlambo was and remains responsible for all modules in theological ethics – also all Honours and Masters modules in this discipline. Of particular interest is two new modules in theological ethics, about currently doing theological ethics in Africa.

Dr. Eugene Fortein was and remains responsible for most of the modules in History – again, in his field of thought, also all Honours and Masters modules. Two new modules on the history of Christianity in both Africa and South Africa is of particular interest.

Dr Henco van der Westhuizen was and remains responsible for most of the modules in Systematic Theology modules on themes such as theological hermeneutics, revelation, the Trinity, Christology, Pneumatology, etc.

Prof. Rian Venter was responsible for the many modules related to Interdisciplinarity. He was also responsible for many Honours and Master's modules, as well as for many Doctoral students. Professor Venter continued to serve as mentor for the Department in postgraduate supervision.

Our 2021 was significantly better than the previous year

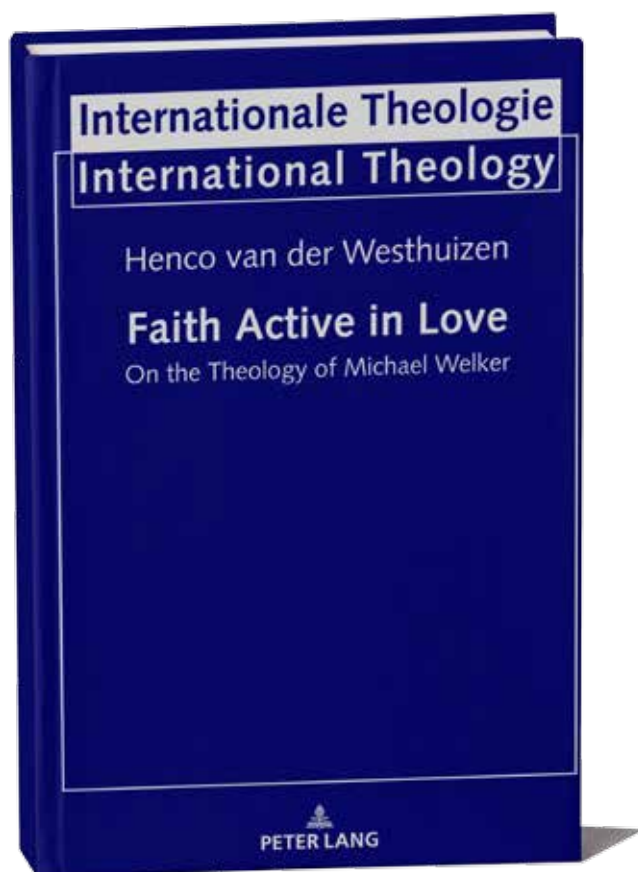
In the Department, Prof. Rian Venter continued his research on the Trinity, and published interdisciplinary articles on theologizing in a time of COVID-19.

After Whiteness: An Education in Belonging, of course, refers to the recent publication of Willie James Jennings (2020). Jennings does not refer to decoloniality per se. He prefers to think through imagination, a theme that already appeared in the title of his first monograph, *The Christian Imagination* (2011). He wants to consider decoloniality from this perspective. With imagination, Jennings wants to do more than the mere decolonial, which, of course, is critically important for him and for us as Department. He wants to reimagine, and in this way decolonize an imagination, a lens, a hermeneutic of whiteness.

In *After Whiteness*, he refers to whiteness as self-sufficient white masculinity of possession, mastery, and manoeuvring. White self-sufficient masculinity is not first a person or a people ... 'Whiteness' does not refer to people of European descent, but to a way of being in the world and seeing the world that forms cognitive and affective structures able to seduce people into its habitation and its meaning-making (p. 9). This is what he is after. He is after whiteness, after self-sufficient white masculinity, after this possession, mastery, and manoeuvring, this way of being and seeing – he is against it. More than that, however, he is asking if in our being after or against whiteness, we are not in fact actually after it, in it, for it, furthering it.

He asks if it is not so that we do theology in a way that is against whiteness while furthering it, being for it, in it – in short, while being it. Jennings – and this is what our Department is conversing about – asks how we do theology after and against whiteness in a way that does not further whiteness or perpetuate whiteness. To do this, he thinks through fragments, designs, buildings, motions, and desire. And as a Department, this is what we are also considering. With Jennings, in our doing of theology, we want to at least see the fragments, address the designs, under-

stand the buildings, reset the motions, and embrace desire – working towards a Department of belonging. The Department continued to learn and teach, to do research, to be engaged, and to lead and administrate. Due to the pandemic, learning and teaching took place online. The contribution of part-time lecturers such as Siphokazi Dlwati, Marlene Oosthuizen, Ingrid Kassier, Wessel Wessels, Cobus Hamman, Bertus Celliers, and Jan Lubbe played a significant role.



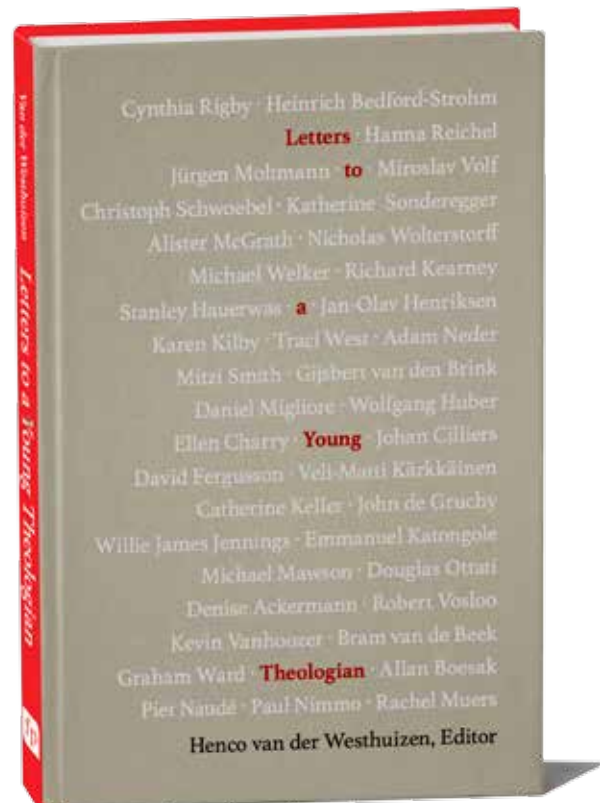
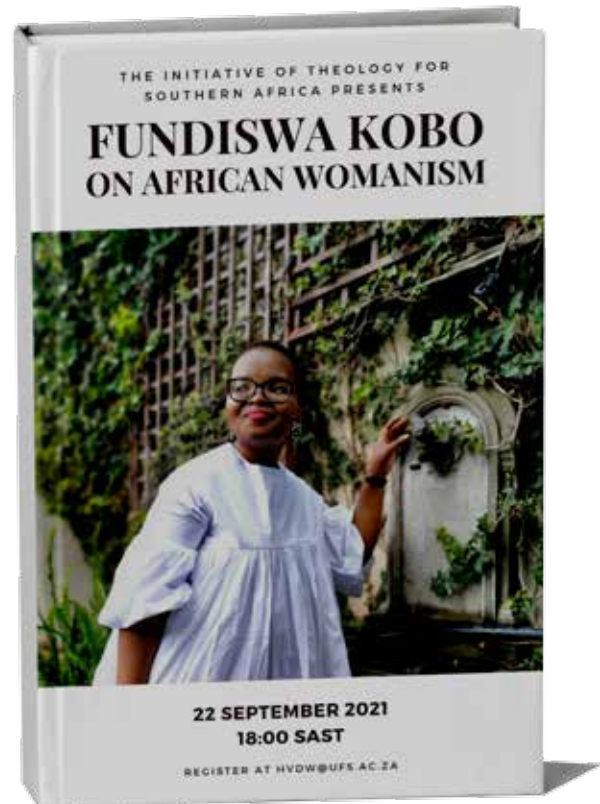
Despite the continued impact of the pandemic on postgraduates, the Department had a particularly fruitful year, with research of postgraduate students on interesting research problems such as memory and remembering, the Trinity, Christology, Pneumatology, liberating theologies or theologies that liberate, theology and the arts, and theologising COVID-19. Research continued and many outputs have been registered.

The following Research Fellows were appointed in 2021: Dr Adrian Coates (Cornerstone, SA); Dr Khegan Delport (Research, Stellenbosch University); Dr Nontando Hadebe (St Augustine, SA); Dr Michael Mawson (Charles Sturt, Australia); Prof. Jennifer McBride (McCormick, USA); Prof. Paul Nimmo (Aberdeen, Scotland); Dr Selina Palm (Cornerstone, SA); Prof. Gesa Thiesen (Trinity, Ireland), and Prof. Jens Zimmerman (Regent, Canada).

Ms Ntando Mlambo continued her research on space theory and justice – more particularly, space theory and justice in relation to land in South African history – and she delivered papers on faith, race, gender, as well as inequality and decoloniality. Dr Eugene Fortein continued his research on memory and justice in the South African context – more particularly, a history from below.

His research activities included participation in a book project on *Liberating Black Theology: Emerging South African Voices*. In addition, he is working on a history of the Uniting Reformed Church in Southern Africa (URCSA) entitled, *URCSA: a history from below*. Dr Henco van der Westhuizen did research on teaching theology, and continued his research on hermeneutics, pneumatology, and public theology.

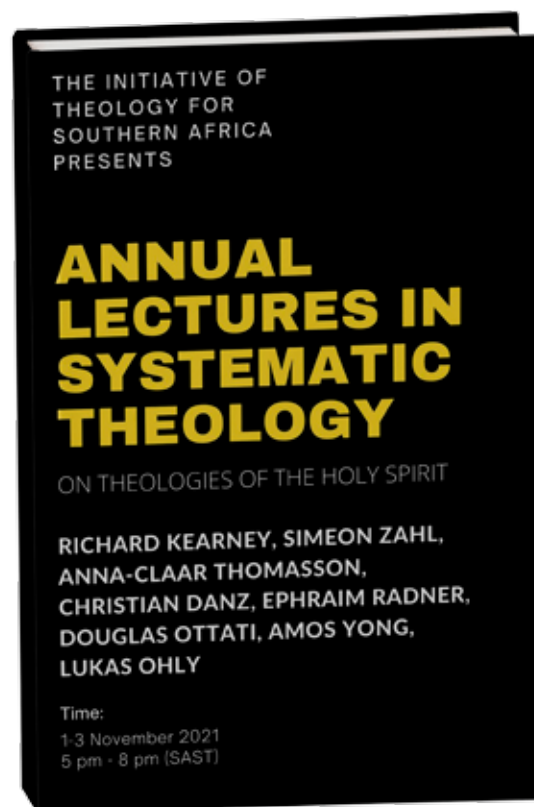
He edited *Letters to a Young Theologian*, published by Fortress Press and completed a monograph, *Faith Active in Love*, published by Peter Lang. In a time when embodied engagement in many ways remained limited, the Department established The Initiative of Theology for Southern Africa. This Initiative has four interrelated aims: vocation and formation; teaching and learning; theological and philosophical research; interdisciplinarity and multidisciplinary.



The interrelated aims are furthered not only by Retreats and via our Film Club, but also through our Annual Lectures in Theology and Film, Theology and Literature, Theology and the Arts, the Annual Lecture in African Theology, and the Annual Lectures in Systematic Theology. Ms Ntando Mlambo presented papers at several public events: State of the Church Webinar by UNISA; Spatial (In) Justice and the post-apartheid state Webinar by the Centre of Human Rights at the University of Pretoria; Church Land, Land Justice and Spatial Justice at MPhatics, Micah Global Triennial; Churches and the Cape Town Spatial Development Framework by the Warehouse Trust; Expropriation without Compensation with Development Action Group; Philosophy Otherwise: Are We Ready to Reimagine Our Craft? by the Institute of Christian Studies, Canada; Boundaries and Political Consciousness: A conversation on theological students' image of vocation in changing environments at the University of the Free State.

Dr Eugene Fortein was and remains on many levels active in the Uniting Reformed Church of Southern Africa. Both Ms Mlambo and Dr Fortein are part of the Camissa Project entitled, The Fire, The River, and The Scorched Earth Between 50 Years of Black Liberation Theology through the lens of Allan Boesak. Their responses to Allan Boesak will be published in due course. Dr Henco van der Westhuizen presented papers at The Ecumenical Institute, Bossey, in Switzerland, and at the Evangelische Theologische Faculteit, Leuven, in Belgium.

In addition to serving the Faculty of Theology and Religion through multileveled engagements with Stellenbosch University, the University of Pretoria, and North-West University, Prof. Rian Venter developed a Strategic Plan for the Faculty. As of April, in terms of leadership and administration, Dr Van der Westhuizen is the Head of Department. The Department was in more ways than imaginable served by Ms Marina van Biljon, our Departmental Manager. As this was her last year in our Department, we want to thank her for her love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, and gentleness.





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DEPARTMENT OLD AND NEW TESTAMENT STUDIES

Looking back at 2021

The Department Old and New Testament Studies welcomed two new lecturers in 2021, namely Ms Annéli Machin and Dr Doniwen Pietersen. Ms Machin is a lecturer in Greek, specialising in New Testament Greek, Early Christian Literature, and the writings of John Chrysostom.

Dr Pietersen obtained his PhD in Old Testament at the beginning of this year, and he specialises in Pentateuch Studies, focusing on the book of Deuteronomy and how it interacts on topics of gender, culture, sexuality/ies, and women disempowerment. From 2021, New Testament Greek and Early Christian Greek Literature became the third discipline in the department, together with Old Testament and New

Testament. The first two Heads of Department (HODs) of what used to be two separate departments (the Department of Old Testament and the Department of New Testament), Profs Mauritz Kloppers and Jan du Rand, both passed away in 2021. The Faculty noted this with sadness, remembering with gratitude the ground-breaking inputs of these two HODs from the inception of these departments.

Prof. Francois Tolmie's term as HOD ended in June 2021. The department is very thankful for his contribution to the department, and for his excellent leadership during his time as HOD. Dr Lodewyk Sutton has been appointed as the new HOD for the next five-year term.



Left to right: Dr. Joel Mokhoathi, Prof. Rantoe Letšosa (Dean of Faculty of Theology and Religion) and Prof. Lodewyk Sutton.

The department has adopted the following new vision for the period 2021–2026: In the Department of Old and New Testament Studies, we focus on studying and interpreting the Bible (the Old and New Testaments) and Early Christian Greek Literature. The literature (texts) is studied intensively, from its original languages and sources, applying its message contextually (authors then and readers now), responsibly and ethically to our current situation at the Faculty of Theology and Religion in Africa and globally, through internationally recognised research, teaching and learning that develop globally competitive graduates while serving the communities of faith.

A hybrid approach to teaching and learning was followed throughout the academic year of 2021, where classes were mostly taught online, with continuous evaluation. The Greek modules taught this year will also be replaced by new modules that have been developed in the department by Ms Machin for 2022. We believe that these modules will benefit Theology and Religion students from various denominations, and we hope to also recruit more students (and full-time ministers) for occasional studies in the future.

The department had several postgraduate students this year. Dr H.J. Prinsloo successfully completed his PhD on the rhetoric of 1 Thessalonians and will join the department as a Research Fellow next year. A new and exciting Honours degree in Greek has been developed this year, for the 2022 academic year. These modules will be presented as part of a new specialisation in New Testament Greek and Early Christian Literature within the Bachelor of Theology Honours degree. New Master's and Doctoral specialisations in New Testament Greek and Early Christian Greek Literature will also start in 2022.

At the end of 2020, a 5-year plan for developing a series of 5–7 short learning programmes (SLPs) for our department was established by Dr Sutton. The challenge of this plan was to create SLPs that incorporate the different disciplines in our department, but which are also relevant to our Southern African religious contexts. The first SLP was approved in May 2021: Introduction to the Bible (TBIB1502S). The staff of the department completed several training sessions this year. Ms Van Biljon and Dr Sutton completed events platform training, while the entire department completed training on how to moderate conferences on Blackboard Collaborate. Dr Sutton completed the following training courses: Blackboard Collaborate Tips and Tricks (CTL), Teaching Portfolio: Way Forward – Theology and Religion Workshop (CTL), the Curriculum Renewal Programme first cohort (CTL), the Academic Leadership programme, CRM title registration training, the Institutional Audit Capacity

Development Course and a research supervision workshop (postgraduate school). Dr Pietersen completed training in: Academic writing guidelines: The writing process, Microsoft PowerPoint, Microsoft Publisher, Academic writing: Producing an article from a thesis, Research Supervision, Curriculum Renewal Programme (CTL), and he completed a Sesotho language course. Dr Pietersen has also been selected for the 3rd cohort of UFS Teaching and Learning Fellowship. Members of the department also fulfil various leading roles for academic societies and on editorial boards.

Dr Sutton was appointed as treasurer of the Southern African Society for Near Eastern Studies (SASNES). He also serves on the editorial boards of *Acta Theologica* and *UFS Theological Explorations*, and as sub-editor Old and New Testament Studies for *Acta Theologica*. Prof. Tolmie is the editor of *UFS Theological Explorations*, and is on the editorial board of *Acta Theologica*. He serves on the board of the SNTS and the *Colloquium Ioanneum*. Members of the department are regularly involved in peer-reviewing articles.

The department produced several publications during the year. Dr Sutton published two articles this year: “Practising piety in a (post-) pandemic time: A spatial reading of piety in Psalm 66 from the perspectives of memory and bodily imagery” with *HTS Theological Studies*, and “A transforming body: A post-exilic reading of Psalms 50 and 51 in light of social norms communicated through the Leviticus sacrificial system and body imagery” with *Acta Theologica*, Supplementum 32. Dr Sutton and Dr Joel Mokhoathi acted as guest editors for the *Acta Theologica Supplementum* entitled “Transforming Theology and Religion”.

Dr Pietersen published “Haggai’s concern for South Africa: A positive transformation to socio-economic justice as a catalyst for reconciliation” with *Verbum et Ecclesia*; “Reading a few exemplary books or texts in the Pentateuch and comparing how these books or texts portray the theme of violence and disempowerment” with *HTS Theological Studies*; “The relevance of theology and legal policy in South African society in connection with violence against women” with *Theologia Viatorum*, and collaborated with Prof. Dirk Human on the article “YHWH’s mouthpiece to the exiles: A Jeremianic turn of hope” with *Stellenbosch Theological Journal (STJ)*. Prof. Tolmie published an article together with Prof. Rian Venter on making sense of the COVID-19 pandemic from the Bible, as well as a book on the history of reception of the rhetoric of the Letter to Philemon: Pointing out persuasion in Philemon (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck) in a new series entitled *History of Biblical Exegesis*. Several academic papers were read by members of the department at various conferences.

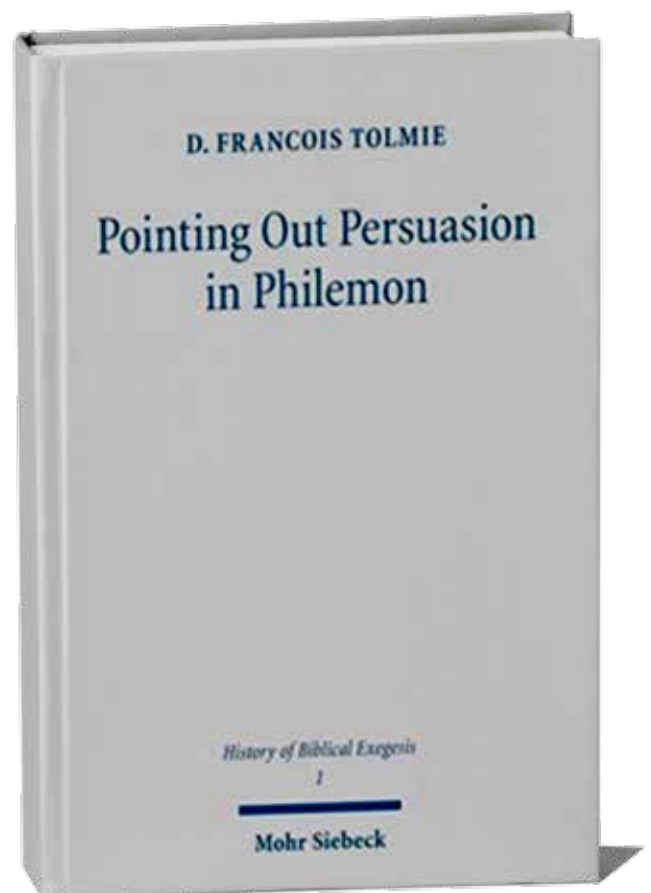
Dr Sutton read a paper entitled “Honour through violence and justice? Perspectives from Psalm 58” at the conference From the Rising to the Setting Sun, Global Perspectives on Bible and Violence, held on 24–28 May by the Centre for the Study of Bible & Violence (CSBV) at Bristol Baptist College, UK (virtual conference). He also read the paper “Body and cult: Reading Psalms 50 and 51 in light of Leviticus” at the conference Leviticus – Ritual, Sacrifice and Priestly Motifs in the Hebrew Bible and Related Literature, held on 27 August by the Department of Old Testament and Hebrew Scriptures, University of Pretoria (virtual conference). At the same conference, Dr Pietersen read the paper “Re-imagining צרעת as ‘communal disease/illness’ in Leviticus 13–14, and how to overcome a crisis and move towards hope”.

Dr Pietersen also delivered a paper entitled “The nexus of debt, wealth and kinhood in Deuteronomy 15: South African reflections” at the Old Testament Society Conference hosted by the University of the Free State on 2–3 September 2021. Researchers in the department also attended several other academic conferences in 2021. Dr Sutton attended the AAR & SBL Annual Meeting (virtual conference), the International Conference on Qumran Literature: The Origin of the Sectarian Movement in the Dead Sea Scrolls, (University of Pretoria, online), The Dead Sea Scrolls: A Second Public Conference: A Virtual Public Conference (New York University), and The Tyndale Fellowship Conference (Tyndale House, University of Cambridge, UK, online).

Dr Pietersen also attended The Annual UFS Learning and Teaching Conference (September 2021), Re-discover the Mishnah Texts and their Relevance to Hebrew Bible and New Testament Studies Conference (University of Pretoria, online), and the South African Spiritualities: Experiencing God in Nothingness and in Everything Conference (Huguenote College). Prof. Tolmie attended the SNTS meeting in Leuven, Belgium (online). Ms Machin attended the NTSSA Annual Meeting and Conference (online). In terms of public and international engagements, all of the members of the department regularly preach at churches in the Bloemfontein area. Dr Sutton is the secretary and Prof. Tolmie the chair of the DRC General Synod’s Committee on Translation and Interpretation of the Bible. Dr Sutton was asked to publish on a popular-theological website, “Bybelkennis”, where he published the article “God se skepping”. He presented Bible School for the DRC Universitas on the topic “The Holy Spirit in the Old Testament”. Dr Pietersen was invited to be part of the University of Pretoria’s Mentorship programme for the year 2021. He was also invited by a minister/pastor in Cape Town to collaborate with them to preach and get involved in

their children’s ministry wing and school-related religious activities. Prof. Tolmie serves on the board of the DRC Universitas congregation and presented a Bible School on Covid and the Bible, as well as on the Holy Spirit in the New Testament. The department hosted the Southern African Society for Near Eastern Studies (SASNES), the Association for the Study of the Septuagint in South Africa (LXXSA), and the Old Testament Society of Southern Africa’s (OTSSA) annual meetings between 30 August and 3 September 2021. Over 60 academic papers were delivered at these conferences. 2021 ended with a planned educational study tour to Egypt, organised by Dr Sutton.

The purpose of the tour was to educate and create an opportunity, especially for our undergraduate students, to visit Egypt as one of the most prominent countries in the Bible. The students and other people going on the tour experienced the historical, social, and geographical context of Egypt first-hand. Unfortunately, the tour had to be postponed to December 2022 due to COVID-19 travel restrictions.





DEPARTMENT OF PRACTICAL AND MISSIONAL THEOLOGY

Undergraduate teaching

For the largest department in the Faculty, 2021 was characterised by numerous challenges in undergraduate teaching and learning. The COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 caused specific challenges that extended into 2021. For the first half of 2020, students were on campus. This was not the case in 2021. An example of the extent of the challenge: the Department presents 4 modules in the Higher Certificate programme, in which roughly 170 students are involved. New, innovative ways had to be found to facilitate meaningful teaching and learning for all students in the undergraduate programmes who had not yet been on campus. For many undergraduate students and lecturers, this meant that teaching and learning was fully online, without any previous contact between students and lecturers. These difficult circumstances challenged the lecturers to use the most creative ways to facilitate online teaching on various digital platforms. Students were accommodated in the best possible way in light of the University's endeavour to support those "vulnerable students" who do not have access to computers and the internet.

Personal contact between lecturers and students expressed the "no-student-left-behind" campaign that was important to ensure the academic success of all students. To facilitate teaching and learning practices, roughly 10 part-time lecturers assisted the 6 full-time lecturers. Ms Annelize Dreyer, Departmental Manager of the Department, provided exceptional service in the administration and management of various extensive practices associated with the work. Amid the challenges, it is also important to point out the excellent work by colleagues during this time.

Flowing spontaneously from the character of the Department of Practical and Missional Theology, with a strong emphasis on the meaning of practices, the Department hosted various Work-Integrated Models, covering all main subdisciplines in congregational studies, liturgical and homiletical studies, pastoral care, faith formation and missiology. The following are examples of such modules from the two main fields in the Department, namely Practical Theology and Missiology. A module on pastoral care develops a specific attitude towards pastoral care and the way in which the spiritual caregiver engages with people. The students' involvement with children with learning disabilities at the Martie du Plessis School in Bloemfontein

develops the skills to guide the students in producing an adequate alternative narrative among the children that will give them hope and provide a plan to reach their goals. In the missiology module, students engage with challenging communities at Towers of Hope, a faith-based non-governmental organisation in the inner city of Bloemfontein. Students also visit communities in cross-cultural church services. Students also face the challenges of informal settlements, by further exploring possibilities in how communities of faith can actively make a positive contribution to the challenges experienced by local communities.

It is also important to note that the Department, under the aims of pastoral care and therapy, established a new scholarly engagement relationship with ENGO in Bloemfontein, a Dutch Reformed Church-founded non-governmental organisation (NGO). As such, fourth-year students engage actively with selected learners from various childcare homes, in addressing some of the trauma they have experienced from a pastoral and spiritual perspective. The aim of this engagement is to empower these children to resolve some of the unprocessed trauma that might continuously weigh them down.

Postgraduate students

The Department offers and facilitates various postgraduate programmes. The Department houses the PGDip programme that serves, among others, the professional Congregational Year programme for the Dutch Reformed Church. The Department also offers other Honours and Master's programmes. All of the programmes' strong contextual focus and relevant significance have, over the past year, attracted numerous students to register for these, and attend meeting blocks throughout the year. A large number of PhD students also form an important part of the Department's postgraduate programme. Many of the postgraduate students come from other parts of the world, with the largest group of students from the Justo Mwale University in Zambia. Dr Juanita Meyer visited this group of students in May in Lusaka, in order to guide them further into aspects of research methodology. The Department's undergraduate work also reached a climax with the successful completion of several doctoral students' dissertations in 2021. One student's dissertation was handed in as outcome of a "Joint Degree Programme" with the Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

Staffing

The Department houses the largest number of students in the Faculty. The staff responsible for the work in the Department consists of roughly 16 permanent and temporary colleagues who are responsible for the daily lecturing responsibilities on both under- and postgraduate levels. The Department Practical and Missional Theology consists of 7 full-time staff members, namely Ms Annelize Dreyer, Departmental Manager, Drs Martin Laubscher, Juanita Meyer, Eugene Baron, and Joseph Pali, as well as Profs Kobus Schoeman and Jan-Albert van den Berg, who, with roughly 10 part-time colleagues, are responsible for the academic teaching and learning. From January 2021, Dr Wessel Wessels, as the department's postdoctoral research fellow, made an active and dynamic contribution to research and other activities in the Department.

In 2020, Dr Baron was granted the NRF-BAAP (Black Academic Advancement Program) award, a 2-year research period for 2020-2021, affording him the opportunity to focus on his research full-time. NRF-graded researchers in the Department currently include Dr Juanita Meyer, Profs Kobus Schoeman, Pieter Verster, and Jan-Albert van den Berg. Two colleagues in the Department, Drs Laubscher and Wessel, also obtained their doctoral degree in 2021 from Stellenbosch University and the University of Pretoria, respectively. Other highlights include Dr Laubscher's election as Chief Editor of *Acta Theologica*, for 2022-2026; Dr Pali's election as the Faculty's representative on the University of the Free State's Senate, and Dr Meyer being elected as the new Chairperson of the Faculty's Research Committee. In 2021, Prof. Van den Berg completed his term as Head of the Department. As from January 2022, a new colleague will take over the reins of the Department.

Research activities

Full-time academic and part-time staff members, supported by various research fellows associated with the Department, continuously contributed to numerous accredited research outputs published as professional articles and chapters in books. Some of the highlights include, among others, Dr Meyer's project entitled 'Masculinity and Religiosity/Spirituality in Africa: An Intercultural, Pastoral Theological Research Perspective'. This research study aims to explore the relationship between the development of a masculine identity amidst father absence, and other psychosocial ailments, influenced by rapid colonisation, in the context of a specific religion and culture. The aim of the project is to reflect on some of the narratives of the research participants that

relate specifically to the theme 'what it means to be a real man', eliciting the dominant discourses on masculinity and femininity in Africa, informed by religion, traditional, and pop culture. Another significant development in the Department is the important Township research project, under the guidance of Prof. Schoeman. This project involves colleagues from the different subfields in Practical Theology and Missiology and makes contextual contributions in a special way. In 2021, as part of this project, colleagues were collecting data for further planning for 2022, data analyses and subsequent publication of the results. It is also important to mention that colleagues in the Department regularly meet weekly for academic discussions on a published academic text.

Public and international engagements

Due to the restrictions in terms of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Department could unfortunately not welcome international visitors physically in 2021. Many of the colleagues in the Department were, however, involved in online presentations and participation at international academic conferences such as, for example, the International Academy for Practical Theology in July 2021 (with presentations by Dr Hoffman and Prof. Schoeman), among others. On interdisciplinary level, Dr Laubscher delivered a paper, entitled "The history of South African public theology as prophetic theology?", at the annual conference of the Theological Society of South Africa (TSSA), held in July at the North-West University in Potchefstroom.

Besides international visits, all members of the Department were actively involved on public local level in congregations and in the community. In some instances, their involvement took the form of service learning (with Dr Joseph Pali, the Faculty Coordinator) at Towers of Hope and the Martie du Plessis School in Bloemfontein, among others. Members of the Department took part in radio broadcasts, Webinars and other online broadcasts of radio stations, e-Church, Communitas, and congregations, among others. Dr Pali is involved in the Christian Network in the Free State (CNFS), a ministerial fraternal in Bloemfontein. He facilitated and arranged 4 workshops, of which 2 were conducted in Bloemfontein and 2 in Bultfontein. Representing the Department on the Faculty Engaged Scholarship Committee, Dr Pali arranged, as part of Heritage Day celebrations, a Webinar, where Prof. S. Kumalo from UKZN presented a lecture on Church and Politics

During 2021, other international research-oriented projects were also pursued further and developed in the Department with international partners such as

- National Church Life Survey (NCLS) in Australia.
- Project on spiritual direction with the University of Queensland.
- Collaboration with the Justo Mwale University in Zambia.

Colleagues regularly meet to coordinate the different activities in the Department. These meetings include retreat workshops. Planning for 2022 is already full steam ahead, and colleagues are looking forward to new opportunities and challenges.





POSITIVELY GROWING

The Department of Religion Studies is a small but positive and growing department. Instead of all the challenges of 2021, the Department made a huge contribution to the Faculty of Theology.

1. Undergraduate teaching

1.1 Dr Joel Mokhoathi presented

- TRLS 1714: Studies in the social ethics of selected religions
- TRBS 4822: Study of belief systems

1.2 Rev. Jacob Mokhutso presented

- TRER1524 (HC): Contemporary expression of religiosity in Africa
- TRPH3712 (BDiv): Study of the Phenomenology of Religion
- TRWR3722 (BDiv): Study of selected world religions

1.3 Ms Palesa Mohapi presented

- TRRS 1514: Religion and social milieu
- TTRC 2624: African Traditional religion and African Christianity

2. Postgraduate Teaching

2.1 Dr Joel Mokhoathi presented Honours Study

- TRRM 6814/6824: Research methodology and theory
- TRHS 6815/6825: Advanced study in the history and theories of the origins of religion
- TRCR 6815/6825: Advanced study of Christianity
- TRAT 6815/6825: Advanced studies of African Traditional Religions
- TRLS 7910/7926: In-depth Study in Religion Studies (Masters)
- TFDI 7910: Flourishing and the Divine (M.Div.)

He successfully supervised 2 PhDs and 3 Masters, of which 2 were obtained Cum Laude.

2.2 Rev Jacob Mokhutso presented

- TRBU6815 (Hon): Advanced Study of Buddhism
- TRRR6818 (Hon): Research report in Religion Studies

3. Staffing

The department has 5 staff members, namely:

- Prof. P. Verster (Acting HoD)
- Dr J. Mokhoathi (Senior Lecturer)
- Rev. J. Mokhutso (Lecturer)
- Mrs R. Ellis (Dept. manager)
- Me P. Mohapi (part-time Junior Lecturer)

4. Research activities

4.1 Joel Mokhoathi: Published 2 research articles, 1 book chapter and co-authored a book.

Research articles:

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Book chapter:

Mokhoathi J. 2021. "Christianity in Transformation: The rise of African Christianity among amaXhosa". In: *Transforming Theology and Religion*, with a special section on the Psalms. Edited by Mokhoathi J & Sutton L., *Acta Theologica Supplementum* 32.

Book guest editor: Mokhoathi J. & Sutton L. 2021. *Transforming Theology and Religion*, with a special section on the Psalms. *Acta Theologica Supplementum* 32.

4.2 Rev Jacob Mokhutso

Research articles:

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Mokhutso, J. 2021. Are Methodist Church bereavement rituals sufficient for its black African members?: A qualitative analysis of a church in Mamelodi, South Africa. *Pharos Journal of Theology* 21(102), 1-12. [Available online at [Doi:https:// doi.org/10.46222/pharosjot.102.021](https://doi.org/10.46222/pharosjot.102.021)]

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5. Public and International engagements

Dr J. Mokhoathi: Presented an academic paper as keynote speaker at the 2nd INTERNATIONAL COLLOQUIUM on INDIGENOUS RELIGIONS OF AFRICA. The details of the conference are as follows:

Institution: Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Nigeria

Theme: Global Indigenous Religions of Africa and Global Challenges – Overcoming Neo-Colonialism and Intolerance against Indigenous Religions of Africa and their Diaspora Derivatives

Paper: "Neo-colonialism and the emancipation of Indigenous Religions of Africa: Reconnoitering reformist possibilities"

Hosted by: Institute for Cultural Studies

Dates: 9-13 August 2021

Rev. J. Mokhutso: Invited to do a presentation by Khayelihle Presbyterian Church – Kwazulu Natal

Presentation Title: Funerals, and their costs in black African communities.

Date: 29 September 2021

Platform: Zoom

Time: 19h00-20h30

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Module THEO 650 – Intercultural Theology

Class presentation: Dual practice of Christian and African traditional bereavement rituals among some South African Methodists

Date: 11 November 2021 Platform: Zoom

Duration: 1 Hour (Time to be confirmed)

Made presentations for a platform by Methodist Academics called Africa Methodist Intercultural Dialogue Network.

Date: 19 August 2021

Time: 17h30–19h30

Platform: Zoom

Paper title: African traditional bereavement rituals amongst Methodist Church members in Mamelodi, South Africa.

Moderated PGDIP Research Assignment University of Stellenbosch

Title: Gaining a deeper understanding of predestination Theology from a Pauline perspective by way of an intertextual analysis of the three explicit citations found in Romans 9:10–16.

Promoter: **Dr Peter Nagel**

Exam Moderations 2021:

- TEEC (Theological Education by Extension College) – Turffontein, Johannesburg, Gauteng.
- College of the Transfiguration – Anglican Church Seminary – Grahamstown, Eastern Cape.



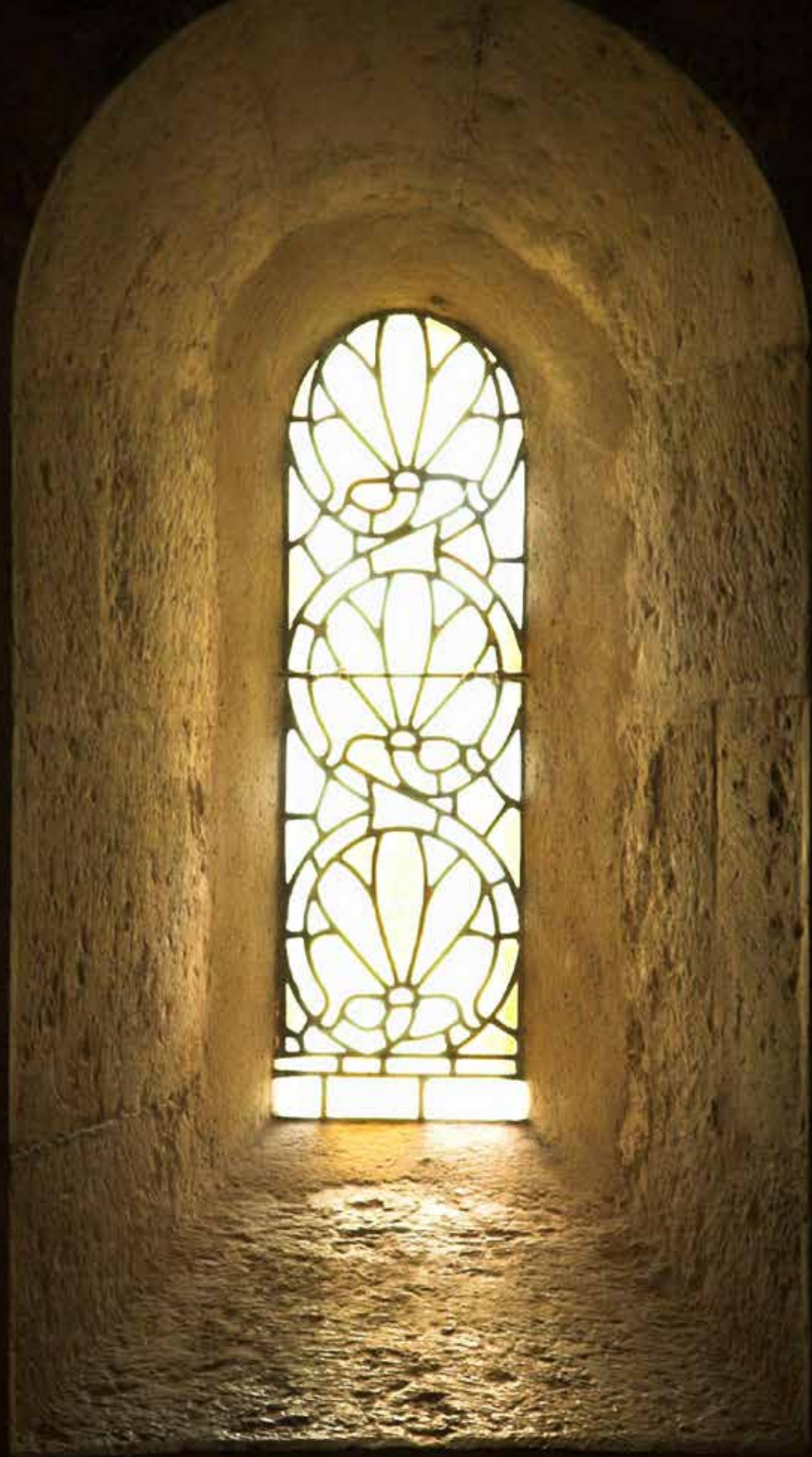


The brief discussions, which the Centre always held with the ACRP (Association of Christian Religious Practitioners) regarding a partnership that will benefit our SLP participants towards a designation with the professional body, have been successful, and our short courses are carrying CPD points. This year, we have managed to finalise our discussions, and we view this as a massive achievement for us, given the short space of time to accomplish this. Our Centre's project coordinator is Miss Sinovuyo Mogwasi.

The Shepherd Centre has experienced a tough year, but we are still up and running, and we are proud of all the baby steps we have managed to take, given the after-effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. We successfully presented one of our new SLP's Christian Leadership in Contemporary Context, where we achieved a 100% pass rate for our group of participants and an astounding 84% class average. We are very proud of our participants and wish to keep going at this rate with our future groups.

We hope to expand the Centre in future and bring in more people as the Centre grows. We have three active programmes, with our latest addition being "Introduction to the Bible". We plan to develop more short learning programmes that will empower the market and fill the need for theological training of pastors and religious leaders in our community. We are looking forward to ending this year on a grand note at the Shepherd Centre.





The year 2021 was again a busy year, with numerous highlights for Acta Theologica, the theological journal associated with the Faculty Theology and Religion at the University of the Free State. Four issues of the journal were published: the usual two semi-annual issues and two Supplementa. Supplementum 31, entitled “Integrating theory and practice: A challenge in theological education” was published in June, with Drs Bernhard Ott and Volker Kessler as guest editors. Supplementum 32, entitled “Transforming theology and religion” was published in November, with Drs Joel Mokhoathi en Lodewyk Sutton as guest editors.

The publication of high-quality outputs ensures that Acta Theologica is still only one of two theological journals in South Africa that can boast about a prestigious Web of Science index. The editorial board was again led by Prof. Jan-Albert van den Berg (Editor-in-Chief) and Dr Lyzette Hoffman (Executive Editor). The editorial board meets quarterly. Its working members, appointed from the Faculty staff to represent all the academic Departments, are actively involved in the evaluation process of articles,

among others. Two new members were elected on the editorial board in 2021, namely Drs Eugene Baron and Eugene Fortein. Subeditors, elected from the editorial board members, continued to serve in an advisory and supportive role to the Editors.

In 2021, the subeditors and their roles were as follows: Book reviews – Rev. Martin Laubscher; Historical and Constructive Theology – Dr Eugene Fortein; Old and New Testament Studies – Dr Lodewyk Sutton; Practical and Missional Theology – Dr Juanita Meyer, and Religion Studies – Dr Joel Mokhoathi. The professional administrative service by Dr Hanneke Meyer, Editorial Secretary, supported the editorial board in their work in an excellent way. Prof. Van den Berg completed his 5-year term as Editor-in-Chief of the journal at the end of 2021.

In July 2021, the Editorial Board appointed Dr Martin Laubscher as the new Editor-in-Chief of Acta Theologica for the next 5-year term (2022–2026). With these continuous high-quality publications, Acta Theologica makes an indispensable contribution towards developing research in theology on both national and international levels.

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Our mission at Sola Gratia is to serve our constituents with diligence and to inspire others to achieve great things. To see students thrive in their personal theological endeavours as they discover God through the lenses of scholarly writings. Starting the year on a high note was the most pleasing thing we could do as Council since it allowed us to generate a solid continuous momentum of excellence in aiding students.

COVID-19, on the other hand, was a hurdle that we all had to overcome together; there were times when we had to gather on campus merely to discuss what we could do to keep students involved or to show them that we were here for them. Despite COVID-19, we were still able to orientate students around campus and show them all of the buildings they needed to know of, from HMS to the

Kopanong. This was really beneficial because we were able to meet and engage with the students more, and ask them questions about why they were studying theology and what they hoped to accomplish with their degree. We also had sessions with them at which we introduced Blackboard to them and that same space we helped them choose their Class Representative, this I must say was the fullest we had had in terms of first-year student attendance.

The year 2021 was highly active; we had online discussions with several professors from various universities. The most exciting debate we had was sexuality and what the Bible says about it. Furthermore, we made sure that students' opinions were heard by fighting for them in any manner that we could, from academic-related matters, personal and social. As Sola Gratia, we are delighted to claim that we left a good impression on the Faculty, staff and students.



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