



HADDINGTON HOUSE

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HADDINGTON HAPPENINGS

Dear Friends,

It has been a busy summer and autumn thus far due to travels throughout North America (and also in the UK) to speak with many about the ongoing need for theological training (15 churches in total). Many congregations have been most welcoming and have affirmed their partnership in this very important ministry of the Word of God. One focus of discussion has been on the call for indigenous theological education and a call to co-labour with the global church. There have been a few good smiles concerning the analogy I have been using about raising children. Special thanks to Donnie Frizell for a good discussion about that! Also, thank you to all who have been so kind and welcoming. Along the way, there was also opportunity to speak at and participate in two conferences, and that was most stimulating.

You will notice with this newsletter that we have retooled our Haddington House logo in an effort to update a little. Next year is our 25th year and we are busy thinking about that.

Our newsletter this autumn focuses on introducing the 2018 Journal, the book project which is being worked on right now – Voices of Thanksgiving, updates on projects at one of the overseas partners—Dumisani Theological Institute, and the fall teaching schedule (which is very limited this year as many of you will know) and an update about Nancy. I will not be teaching the master's courses at Africa Reformation Theological Seminary, Kampala, Uganda this year but am planning to teach there in November, 2019. Thanks to Dr. Charles Jackson for taking my courses there this year at ARTS so that I can be home more with Nancy while she is not able to travel to Africa. Good things are happening at ARTS; it is so encouraging to see this seminary advancing the Kingdom by training many in the Word.

Yours in the Lord,

Jack Whytock, Director

2018 JOURNAL NOW OUT

The 2018 *Haddington House Journal* has arrived and is being distributed. Here is an excerpt from the editor's preface which gives an overview of this year's contents:

Last year we had a themed volume for the *Haddington House Journal* centring upon the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. With such a major anniversary there are continuing subjects which are being discussed after-the-fact and also a whole host of publications continuing to be produced



after the anniversary year. So readers will notice that though this is not a themed volume on the Reformation there are still many submissions which clearly relate to this subject. For example I lead-off with what I have called the Editor's Rambles, a very short provocative editor's article about the sola's to stimulate our mathematical minds theologically speaking. Then later there are major Reformation related articles by Manfred Kohl, Michael Haykin, Ken Stewart, and Imre Szőke and also book reviews clearly related to the Reformation anniversary. These four article writers help advance our understandings of the Reformation in Germany, England, Scotland, and Hungary. Kohl's article is a very warm and inviting invitation to study Luther through a very unique lens, namely Luther's last will and testament. We have placed these four articles by Kohl, Haykin, Stewart, and Szőke on the Reformation together under academic articles.

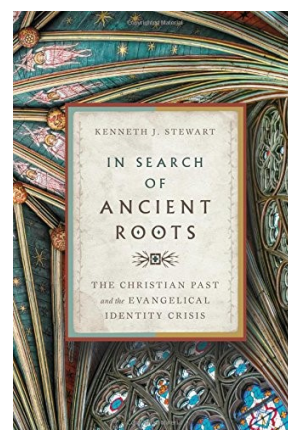


However, a theme which also emerges this year in our journal is on the subject of Christian worship. The opening sermon by John Koning entitled Communion Chaos is worship centred and also the fine article by Tyler Van Halteren deserves a good read and discussion. We have placed the Koning sermon and Van Halteren articles back-to-back. In book reviews we have three which expand on worship, the one by Tyler Stitt on Cherry's new book, *The Music Architect*; a book review of the new English publication of Bucer's *Ground and Reason* (a valuable work about the Lord's Supper but worship principles and practice in general); and finally a review on the helpful new resource *The Pastor's Book*, which chiefly deals with liturgy and worship leadership. So as I review this year's journal content I see a good number of submissions all related to the subject of worship and liturgy besides continuing the Reformation theme.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer. Psalm 19:14

Other submissions include a look at John Frame, a prolific contemporary theologian by an article by Cameron Fraser examining Frame's memoir, *Theology of My Life*. We also have a helpful missiological article by Theodore Prill about contextualisation in mission work with a discussion on cross-cultural stumbling blocks. I believe that all pastors, elders and students for the ministry will benefit by reading John Koning's article "Confessions from a Pastor's Desk". It would be good to read as a seminary class and to discuss at a minister's fraternal or workshop. Finally back in 2016 we began a discussion on the issue of offices in the church with Douglas Gebbie's article that year on "Two or Three Office: A Slash at the Gordian Knot". Now the discussion continues with Murray Smith of Australia making his contribution in this 2018 volume with his article, "Shepherds and Servants: the two offices Christ appointed in his Church". I am sure that two articles will lead to three articles and maybe even more in this irenic writing spree and all in keeping with a journal should do—generate and encourage discussion on matters of the faith.

You will notice again a large number of book reviews well beyond what I have already highlighted. These are very diverse and wide ranging. New bible commentaries receive attention, new works related to philosophy are reviewed, something which we have not done a great deal of in the past but these are most unique and we felt that they should be reviewed for our readers, and some of the latest in



church history has also been reviewed. Practical theology receives very good attention with many of the latest books having been selected for review which we concluded readers should know about. These are related to pastoral leadership, preaching, worship, and missions. Those who teach in many of the above fields will want to sift through these reviews.

We have also included something a little different in that we wanted readers to learn about Wayne Grudem's new book on Christian ethics so we have been granted permission to include an excerpt from this forthcoming book. I think this will allow readers to evaluate for themselves this new book which in many ways is his *magnum opus* on the subject. Lecturers in ethics will want to watch for this new book when it comes out.

Finally, in North America in particular there has been much discussion about the book *The Benedict Way*. So we have included Hart's lengthy review of this book. It is clearly part of the contemporary discussion and will keep us informed about what is current and popular.

I am sure that theological educators will want to read Karl Peterson's review of *The Mentoring Church*. This will be of interest to educators and to pastors as mentoring is such a vital role in discipleship. Also note Steve Curtis' book under Book Briefs which theological educators and mission minded-ministries should read.

Please contact us if you would like to receive a 2018 copy. The 2019 volume is now also being collected and reviews and articles will be considered for submission.

Jack Whytock, editor



40TH ANNIVERSARY OF ONE OF OUR PARTNER COLLEGES: DUMISANI

In a few weeks, Dumisani Theological Institute & Bible School in the Eastern Cape, South Africa will begin to celebrate its 40th anniversary. Plans are underway to mark this special milestone.



Two commemorative works are being printed – one is a 40th anniversary calendar for 2019, which will be used throughout South Africa and distributed by the students. The second is a book entitled *Voices of Thanksgiving*, which will be launched on March 2nd at the graduation. In addition, a major campus redevelopment project is underway, as are plans for the degree-level course come 2019.

Voices of Thanksgiving: Dumisani 1979-2019

The book *Voices of Thanksgiving* will provide a contextual (within the worldwide Bible School movement) history of Dumisani. Dumisani has passed through many of the typical phases of a Bible School and the book will endeavour to explain these stages of development. It will also provide stories of thanksgiving from various “voices” – past and present – and will then conclude with plans for the development of the campus in an effort to prepare for the needs of Dumisani for the next ten years. *Voices of Thanksgiving* will be promoted to all partner churches and businesses throughout South Africa and will also be distributed to our overseas partners and donors. This coffee-table style book with plenty of photos is being typeset in a landscape style.

Campus Development



Rather than relocate or build a new campus, the board has decided to re-develop the existing campus. This re-development includes expanding our dorm space so that eventually we can accommodate up to ten male students on campus. Next, we are upgrading our classroom space by creating a second lecture hall that can seat up to 30. This is in addition to our main lecture hall, which recently underwent an exterior renewal with the addition of fascia boards, repairs to the exterior walls, and painting in the new campus colour (to continue our theme of creating a unified campus). The plan also includes a new student kitchen and male and female toilet rooms. A new well-lit

parking lot will be situated beside the two lecture halls and will provide more secure parking for our evening classes in particular. Finally, a new self-contained apartment will be built inside the compound for the college receptionist. This apartment will have its own entrance and will provide better security than the current arrangements. The hope is that, with this major campus renewal and a detailed maintenance plan, the campus needs will be met for many years to come.

B.Th. Planning 2019

The heart of Dumisani is certificate and diploma-level training, yet for the past 22 years the college has also been involved with B.Th.-level facilitation. Major changes have been taking place in higher education in South Africa, and next year the current arrangement comes to an end. A new arrangement will be introduced once all planning has been finalised. This will be part of the Dumisani story post-40 years, and we give thanks that the work of the Lord carries on generation to generation.



We are thankful to the founding partners in the four denominations who gave birth to Dumisani. The story is ongoing and so the baton is passed from generation to generation. It is interesting that there are two definitions for the word “generation”, one being forty years. As this first generation concludes and the second begins under new leadership, let us give thanks to the Lord and pray that many more will be taught and trained as Christian leaders in the Eastern Cape.

OVERSEAS TEACHING: OCTOBER 26TH –NOVEMBER 20TH AFRICAN CHURCH HISTORY

Summer School at our one partner Dumisani Theological Institute & Bible School in the Eastern Cape, South Africa will focus this year on African Church History. Dr. Whytock will be teaching this course and will also be involved with meetings of the Dumisani Board of Governors as well as at North-West University in Potchefstroom. The Campus Development Plan will also be discussed so that a time frame can be established for the next phase this strategy.



LIBRARY COPIES NEEDED FOR OVERSEAS WORK

The following needs have been identified for partner colleges. These may be sent to Haddington House:

1. William Hendriksen's commentary on the *Gospel of Mark* (two copies needed)
2. William Hendriksen/Simon Kistemaker, *I Corinthians* (two copies needed)
3. Volume two only of M. Wilcock, *Psalms, Vol 2 Bible Speaks Today* (one copy needed)
4. Tyndale commentary series, Motyer, *Isaiah* (one copy needed)
5. Tyndale commentary series *Gospel of John*, Tasker (one copy needed)
6. Earle Cairns, *Christianity Through the Ages REVISED THIRD EDITION* (five copies needed)
7. Nick Needham *2,000 Years of Christ's Power Volume one to Four* (three sets needed)
8. Wayne Grudem, *Systematic Theology* (two copies needed)
9. J. I. Packer, *Concise Theology* (five copies needed)
10. *The Portable Seminary: A Master's Level Overview in One Volume*, ed. David Horton (three copies needed)
11. John Stott, *Acts, Bible Speaks Today* (one copy needed)
12. One full set of Hendriksen and Kistemaker NT commentaries
13. One full set of the Bible Speaks Today OT & NT commentary series

CURRENT HADDINGTON HOUSE PROJECTS AND NEEDS

- The Trustees covet your prayers and support for the ongoing ministry of the Trust.
- Please remember that funds can be designated.
- Undesignated donations will be allocated according to need.
- The primary designations are book ministry and overseas travel fund.

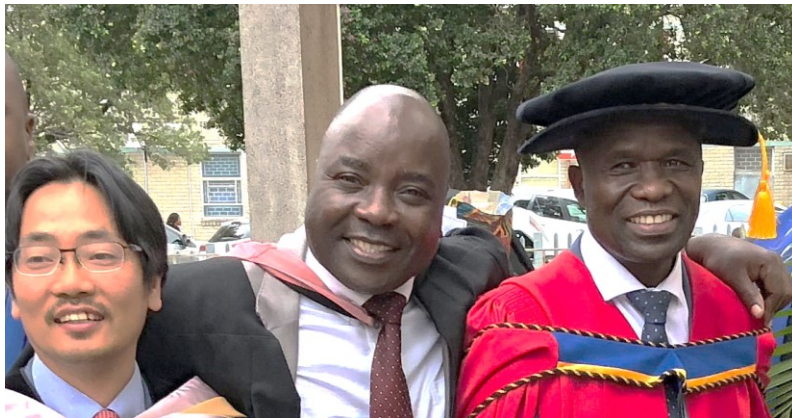
AUTUMN AND WINTER PROJECTS

Donations are being received for the Campus Redevelopment Plan at Dumisani in the Eastern Cape. Donations may be made to Haddington House Trust and designated for the Dumisani Campus Plan. All congregations, businesses, and individuals who make a donation to this special fund will receive a complimentary copy of the book, *Voices of Thanksgiving*.

All donations are tax deductible within Canada

PRAYER POINTS:

1. We give thanks for the continuing improvement of Nancy Whytock's health following hospitalisation on December 1st in 2017 for viral encephalitis. Thank you to all those who have been so faithful in prayer. There remain some ongoing issues which Nancy is continuing to deal with, but we give thanks that in recent travels she did remarkably well. Now that she is home, she will be attending to further appointments.
2. Pray for the course and meetings in South Africa for Summer School that much will be accomplished through this time. May the students find the course material helpful and interesting.
3. Pray for the typesetting and proofing of *Voices of Thanksgiving* over the next seven weeks. Much work remains to be done and we would certainly covet your prayers for this project. Please also pray that this will be a real blessing to supporting churches, businesses, and students.
4. Pray for Dr. Whytock as he finalizes some current writing projects and aims to meet publishers' deadlines. May these current projects be used to advance training and education.



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