



## Annual General Meeting of NZATS, 19 June, 2018

Venue: St John's Theological College, Auckland.

Meeting opened in prayer

**Attendees:** Myk Habets (Chair), Carey College; Tony Gerritsen (Secretary/Treasurer), St John's College; Stephen Garner, Laidlaw,; Roshan Allpress, Laidlaw; Chris Holmes, Otago University; Nick Thompson, Auckland University; Sean du Toit, Alphacrucis. Dr Clare Amos and Her husband Rev Canon Alan Amos were present as observers, Clare being the Scholar in Residence at Vaughan Park.

**Apologies:** Andrew Burgess, Bishopdale; Peter Carrell, Theology House; Kerry Gordon, Alphacrucis.

**Reports** from each of the affiliated organisations of the past year were presented, outlining highlights, challenges, new initiatives etc.

**Minutes** of the last meeting were affirmed.

### Financial Report

Balance as of 20 June 2018 being \$21,927.05

Subscriptions for 2018-19, to remain as per previous years.

Roshan queried the low interest return and suggested some allocation of funds to term investments.

### General Business.

#### Constitutional Changes

- The meeting ratified the use of term 'School' (as opposed to a proffered use of Studies) as outlined in last year's minutes, in the Association's title.
- Expanding the pool of affiliates. Roshan and Stephen to discuss with other associations (e.g. ANZABS, PPTNZ, STANZ, ANZAMS) whether they might like to join us for a common annual gathering. Thus, possible revisiting of our title towards a renaming to the New Zealand Association of Theological Studies (rather than Schools).
- ANZATS Conference 2019, to be held at Carey College from 1-3 July.
  - That our AGM be held within this gathering, probably at a working lunch.
  - NZATS top host an evening reception on the Sunday evening with a budget set of up to \$3,000.
  - Use of finances for post-graduates to attend. Roshan and Steve to arrange publicity. Up to \$3,000 be allocated for these scholarships.

Guest Speaker: Mr Richard Cook formerly of Bethlehem Tertiary Institute and now Director of Academic Programmes at St John's College spoke on '*Transformation: a hope in need of a how to!*'

Richard outlined that this is a process of metamorphosis that includes six steps:

1. FACE: need to face our 'stuff'. Face the angst, be visible in our brokenness, 'milk' every time your button is pushed, asking 'What is God saying?'
2. LAMENT: There's a beauty in living with a 'broken' reality, which offers a new realisation of the crucifixion
3. THIRST: move to the revelation/realisation of the 'wonderful One'.
4. TURN: metanoia...we come to a new realisation of sin and turn from it.
5. SURRENDER:
6. RELEASE: a new freedom and closeness to God

This affirms that every struggle is a springboard. Transformation is a wonderful hope and every community needs a common language of hope.

Richard was thanked, asked to pray for us and the meeting closed at 3pm.

Next meeting: July 2, 2019, at Carey Baptist College, Auckland.