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CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

In 2019 we gave thanks for 30 years of God's extraordinary blessing and provision for George Whitefield College.

Throughout the last 30 years, new students and the funding to run the college have always presented a challenge. A continuous process of trusting in our Lord for both of these components has resulted in much concerted and focused prayer, and subsequently, thanksgiving as God's kindness has sustained us. The opening of the Hope Motlhope Student Centre is testimony to God's provision and GWC's vision and mission for providing residential theological education that will equip Christian men and women with sound Bible teaching, for the growing church in Africa.

2019 started with one of the largest first-year student intakes in many years, and the enthusiasm and quality of the overall student body became increasingly evident as the year unfolded. On the many occasions that I visited campus throughout the year, I was conscious of the positive and happy atmosphere. The creation of this culture is a direct result of the continuing excellent leadership shown by our Principal and his committed faculty and support team for which we are all extremely grateful. Well done, Mark, the GWC faculty team and the GWC support team on a job well done in 2019!

Throughout the year, the various board committees have continued diligently in carrying out their respective responsibilities and have consistently delivered wise and carefully considered guidance and outcomes. At times, as I am reviewing the minutes and reflecting on the work of these groups, I am staggered by the volume and complexity of the issues they are dealing with. Thankfully each committee is well resourced in leadership and appropriate skill sets, and hence the excellence with which they operate. It certainly simplifies leadership challenges when you are resourced with a group of competent, motivated and committed men and women as we are at GWC. Thank you to all of these valuable contributors for your sterling work throughout the year.

Thank you to all our supporters, who have played a significant role in partnering with GWC. That GWC continues to be blessed with many committed friends and partners in the Gospel is evident in the financial support so willingly and consistently



received by the college. As a result of this continued support, GWC received adequate funds in 2019 and small amounts added to most of the reserve funds, against future more lean times.

Let us journey together for the next 30 years and continue to prepare men and women to correctly teach the word of God and so fulfil GWC's vision.

That Africa be filled with preachers and teachers who deeply love the Lord Jesus and who have a profound understanding of Scripture, so that Africa may increase its share in the Kingdom of God.

Mr Dale Smith

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTION

GWC had a busy year in which God was pleased to bless the college in a great many ways. Also special in regard to 2019, was our 30th birthday which we celebrated at every major function throughout the year. Thirty years really speaks of God's provision and kindness to sustain and build up His work not only in South Africa but across the continent.

A significant high watermark for 2019 was the organising and hosting of REACH-SA Synod in September which was held in the Muizenberg pavilion. The REACH-SA denomination is the major stakeholder in the life of the college and at least a quarter of the GWC students come from its churches. This means that this annual assembly of REACH-SA leadership is very much a reunion of GWC graduates who now make up nearly 80% of the ministers. A GWC planning team spent a year preparing for this event and the work paid off handsomely. Besides smooth-running and excellent catering, there were excellent talks provided by GWC faculty. The Synod plenaries (first talk on each day) were given by Nathan Lovell and were well received. The Old Testament really did come alive and God's Word nourished all who attended. The Synod conference (also known as the Gospel workers conference) was also hosted by GWC and all the talks were prepared and delivered by GWC faculty. All in all, the event was a huge success.

Another major planning undertaking was the preparation for "The African Anglican Clergy and Leaders Spiritual and Development Network Conference" with 40 delegates from Uganda scheduled for January 2020. This conference took place before the start of the year and prior to the arrival of any students. The arrangements required to make this happen necessitated the college securing the services of a full-time event manager who was paid for by the visitors. During their time with us, the delegation heard talks on Biblical theology and many other important topics. They also heard from GWC alumnus Grace Kavuma who had flown into Cape Town from Kampala to speak to the group about the GWC Explore programme. Grace oversees the development of Explore in Uganda.

The academic year then commenced on a high note, with visits to Summer school by Presiding Bishop Glenn Lyons and Bishop Jomo Mchunu. Each gave several talks during the language start-up school in late January which were well received by the students.

In May the Hope Centre was officially opened with a celebratory service in the top floor dining room known as Doc's Diner. The room was jam-packed with people and it was a special privilege to have Hope Motlhope's mother, Mrs Constance Khanyi, fly down from Gauteng to be there with us. It was also a delight to have David Seccombe arrive accompanied by an Australian contingent who came to join us for the opening. In the evening a dinner was hosted at



Hope Centre by Dale and Lisa Smith, which was a memorable time. The day before this event, GWC hosted a conference for its donor partners at Café Labia which was also well received. These events certainly galvanised the donors and by the time we reached December 2019, the Hope Centre was paid off in full.

This year has been the retirement year of John Child who has been a wonderful force for God and for good. He and Marion have been greatly used by God in the lives of the students. A tribute was paid to John at the November graduation.

In June 2019, several of us from GWC visited the UK to attend a special dinner held at Rothschild in London: Alison Lee, Steve Rockwell, Jomo Mchunu and I had the opportunity to meet with 30 men and women many of whom were new possible donor partners for the college. I then travelled across the Atlantic to visit Charlotte and Alabama, accompanied by Steve, to visit potential new friends of the college.

In the second half of the year, GWC was inspected by a team from AfCAA (the African Council for Accreditation and Accountability). This Kenyan body accredits institutions that uphold high standards of governance. AfCAA sent two of its inspection team for a 3-day audit of GWC, and having successfully met all the standards, the college received a certificate of accreditation which was scheduled to be presented to us in Cairo in Feb 2020. Via awarding such certification of African organisations who uphold a high standard of governance and financial accountability, AfCAA hopes to enhance global confidence in African institutions and help further unlock business and gospel potential on the continent.

At the conclusion of a busy, productive year for God and His Kingdom, my heart is full of gratitude to God. Paul said: "I thank my God in all my remembrance of you...because of your partnership in the gospel." (Phil. 1:3-5)

The Rev Dr Mark Dickson

PRINCIPAL

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BOARD COMMITTEES

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ACADEMIC REPORT

FACULTY REPORT

The first full-time members of the college's faculty were Dr Broughton Knox and Dr John Newby who, along with faculty from the Bible Institute and part-time faculty, presented one academic programme. Three decades later, the college's faculty has grown to ten full-time lecturers and more than a dozen part-time lecturers who teach across four different programmes. Overhead projectors have been replaced by data projectors, and we make extensive use of an online learning management system to facilitate and optimise our classroom teaching. Despite these

changes, the source and the goal of our teaching and learning are the same as it was thirty years ago: the knowledge of God.

In addition to their academic and pastoral responsibilities within the college, our faculty continue to exercise their ministries beyond Muizenberg. Members of faculty serve in various ways in their local church communities and within the broader Christian body. On average, each lecturer preached or taught outside the college more than a dozen times in 2019.

The following were some of the highlights:

In mid-January, Steve Rockwell visited Uganda where he preached at numerous services and spoke with friends and supporters of the college about theological education in Africa and the ways in which GWC and the Church of Uganda might support one another in their respective missions.



Towards the end of January, Phumezo Masango spoke at Johannesburg Bible College's "Training the Trainer" conference on "Shepherding God's Flock" and "Watch Your Life and Doctrine."



A few weeks later, Ross Anderson attended the Global Evangelists Forum, hosted by Ravi Zacharias International Ministries (RZIM). Ross had been invited to give a plenary address and spoke on "The great reversal - power through weakness" from 1 Corinthians 1:17 - 2:5



It was an especially busy year for Nathan Lovell who, in addition to talks and sermons given elsewhere, spoke at the Unite Easter Convention (St. James, Kenilworth) and the Equip Young Adults Convention. Nathan was also invited to give the plenary sermons at the REACH Synod, which the college had the privilege to host. He preached on Solomon, Hezekiah, and Josiah. Those sermons can be found at reachsa.org.za/series/building-the-kingdom.



ACADEMIC REPORT (CONTINUED)

Mark Norman was invited by Dr Robinson Mwangi, Principal of St. Andrew's Anglican College (Kabare, Kenya) and a member of the GWC's Evangelical Research Fellowship, to be the speaker at St. Andrew's graduation service. In addition to addressing the graduating class, Mark also had the opportunity to preach in St. Thomas' Cathedral and to give some lectures at the college.

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Mike Roe has been seconded by the Church Missionary Society of Australia to serve at George Whitefield College from January 2020. He will teach primarily in the Department of Theology. Mike joins us having previously taught at a theological college in Namibia after spending some time in pastoral ministry in Australia.

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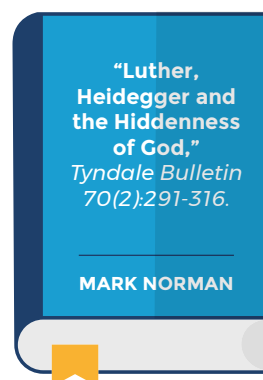
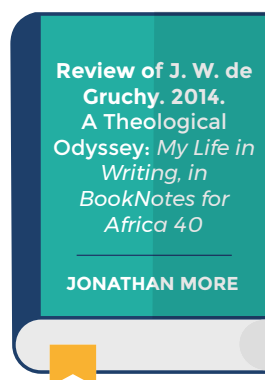


In terms of scholarship, the GWC faculty also had a productive year.

We are delighted to report that Nathan Lovell was awarded a doctorate from the University of Sydney for a dissertation entitled "The Book of Kings and Exilic Identity: 1 and 2 Kings as a Work of Political Historiography." Nathan also presented a paper on

King's use of Deuteronomy at the Society of Biblical Literature's annual meeting in San Diego. Vuyani Sindo presented one of the plenary papers at a conference on Paul and Gender organised by the South Africa Theological Seminary. Jonathan More presented a paper at the biennial conference of the Classical Association of South Africa in Stellenbosch.

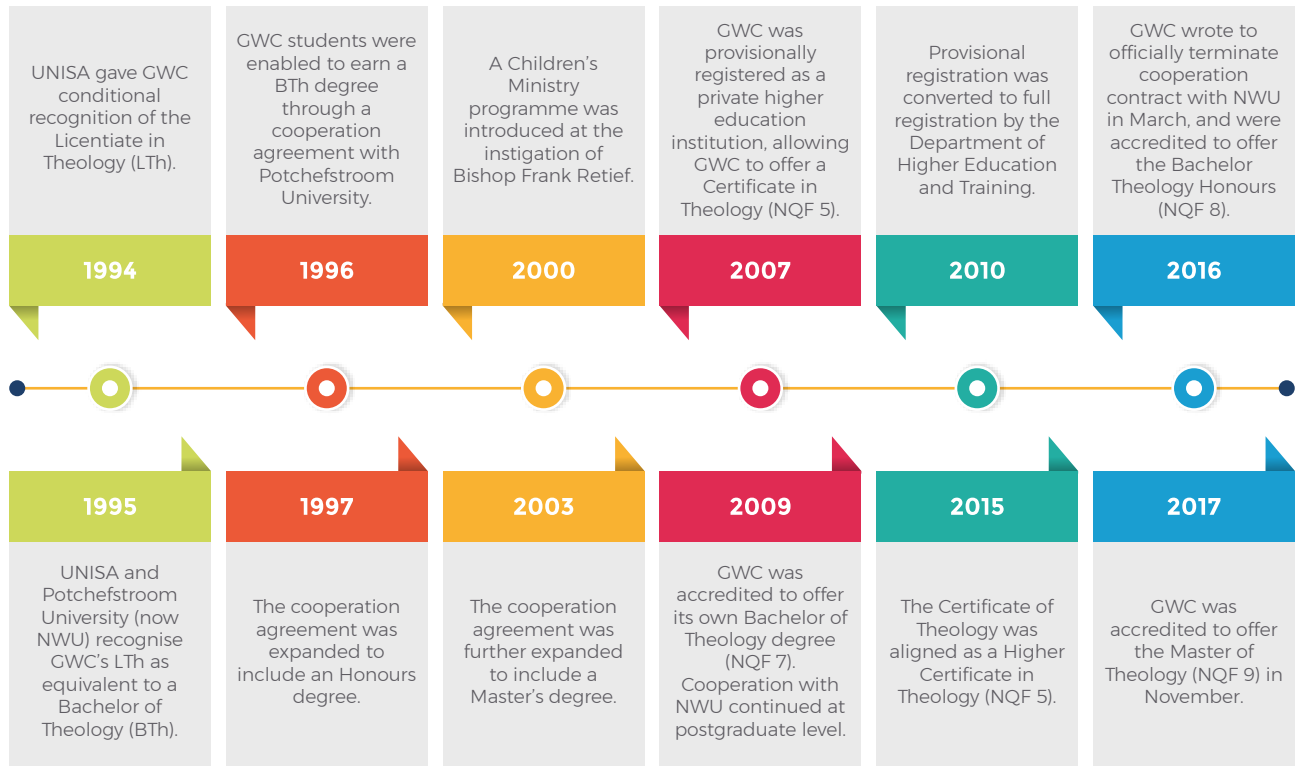
The following faculty publications appeared in 2019:



The year ended on a sad note with the retirement of John Child from the full-time faculty. John has taught at the college since 1997 and has made an invaluable contribution to our training of men and women for ministry over the past 23 years. Thankfully, John has agreed to continue lecturing in a part-time capacity, so his pastoral and teaching experience won't be completely lost to the college.



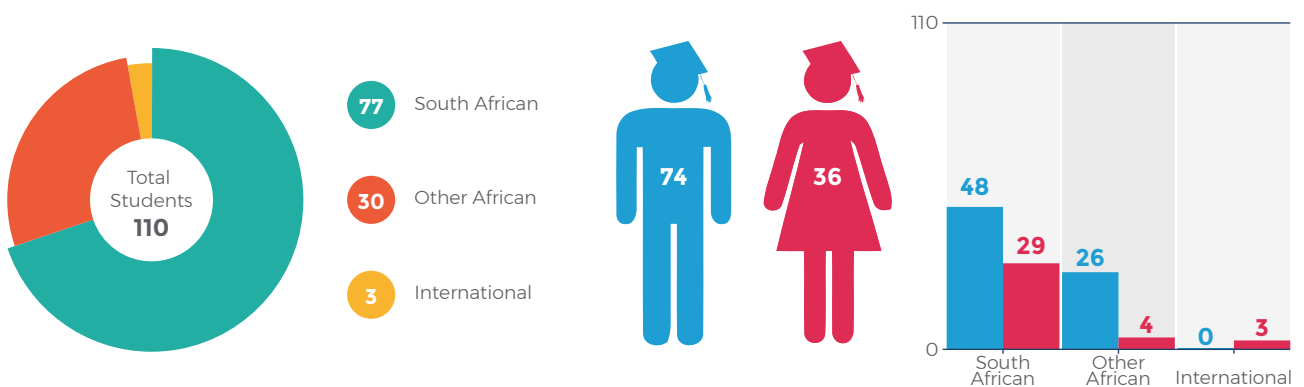
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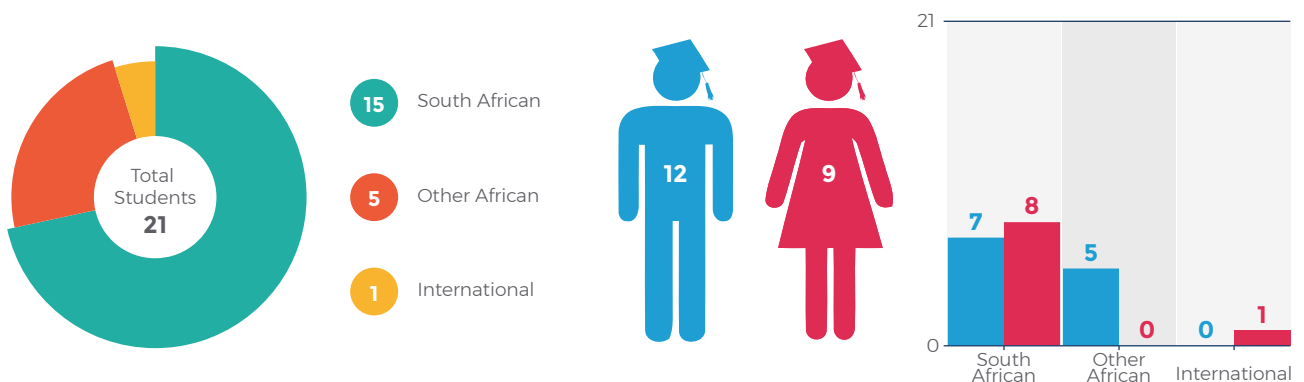
George Whitefield College's mission is "To shape minds via a classical theological education, nurture hearts devoted to Christian service and train voices to effectively communicate the word of Christ." GWC was pleased to be able to graduate 47 students from our accredited programmes at our graduation ceremony at the end of 2019. The majority of them have entered into full-time Christian ministry of one type or another. We are thrilled that our 2019 graduates are serving the Lord not only in local Cape Town churches, but in churches as far away as Uganda, South Sudan, and Japan.

Breakdown of total student complement in 2019:



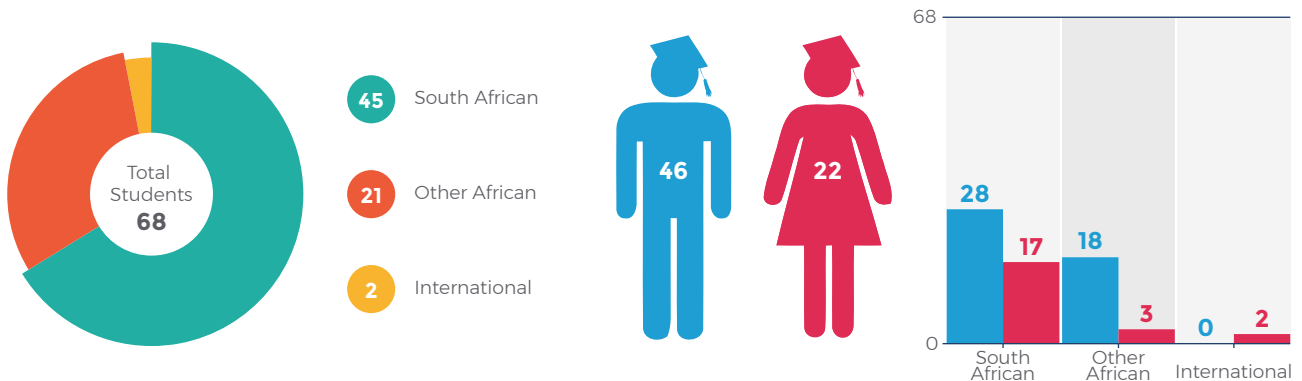
Our student complement can be broken down, per programme, as depicted below:

HIGHER CERTIFICATE IN THEOLOGY (HCERT) - NQF 5



ACADEMIC REPORT (CONTINUED)

BACHELOR IN THEOLOGY (BTH) – NQF 7



Where is the BTh class of 2019 now?



Lorenzo Arnolds

will be serving as a curate at St Timothy's Church, Ottery, Cape Town focussing on Youth Ministry.



Michael Watson

will be doing his curacy at Tokai Community Church, Cape Town.



Renier du Plessis

will be doing his curacy at Christ Church, Waterkloof in Somerset West, with the aim of planting the first Afrikaans REACH-SA congregation in the Western Cape.



Bonga Ronyo

will be returning to Juba in South Sudan to teach at Bishop Gwynne College.



Mensah Ameyaw

will be serving in student ministry on the University of Ghana campus in Accra.



Bryn Philip

will be doing his curacy at Emmanuel Church in Bellville, Cape Town.



Damon Gander

will continue to serve in ministry at Tokai Community Church while studying to teach English overseas.



Shalom Ngoningeh

will be training and preparing to embark on missions in Japan with OMF International.



Christopher Kato

was ordained at St Andrew's Cathedral in Mityana, Uganda in December 2019.



Nkululeko Khanyile

will be leading Student and Children's Ministry at Christ Central, Soweto, respectively.

ACADEMIC REPORT (CONTINUED)



Noxolo Khanyile

will be leading Student and Children's Ministry at Christ Central, Soweto, respectively.



Herbert Mtoso

will be involved in training local untrained pastors in Malawi.



Siboniso Sibisi

will be doing his curacy at Christ Church, Lamontville in Durban, Kwa Zulu-Natal.

Enrolled to do the BTh (Hons) programme in 2020:



Nkosi Mlambo



Andres Ruiz Caro Goga



Ryan Saunders



Quentin Sims



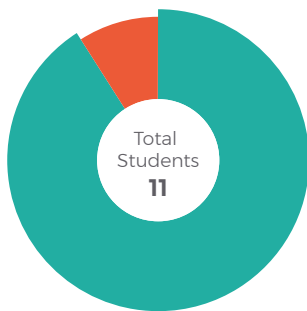
Bongo Mkiva



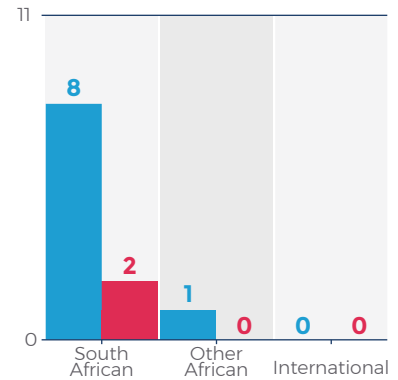
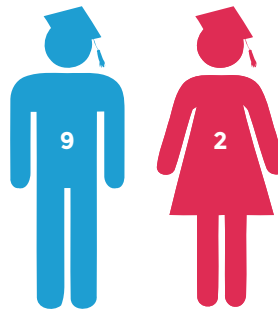
BTH STUDENTS WITH FACULTY

ACADEMIC REPORT (CONTINUED)

BACHELOR IN THEOLOGY HONOURS (BTH HONS) – NQF 8



- 10 South African
- 1 Other African
- 0 International



Where is the BThHons class of 2019 now?



Matthew Courtney

will be doing his curacy at Christ Church Somerset West, Cape Town focusing on Youth and Children's Ministry.



Nicolene Versveld

will be doing her curacy at Cross Central Church, Parow, Cape Town serving as the Children's Worker.



Tarryn Evans

will remain the full-time women's worker at St Stephen's Church, Claremont, Cape Town



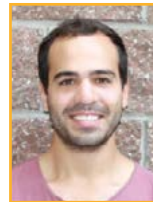
Grant Retief

will continue as Senior Minister of Christ Church, Umhlanga, Kwa Zulu-Natal



Gareth Heuer

will be doing his curacy at St. James Church, Kenilworth



David Kleinhans

will continue to study towards his Master in Theology in 2020



Wilke Olles

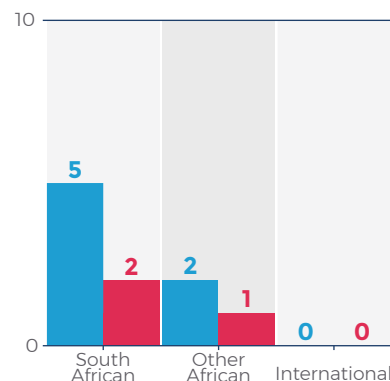
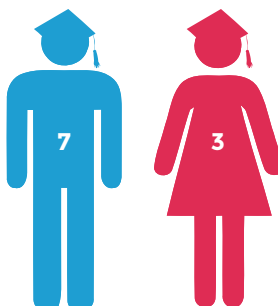
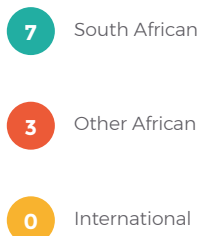
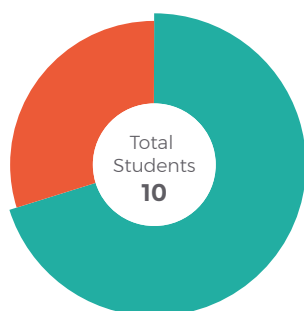
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BTHHONS AND MTH STUDENTS WITH FACULTY

ACADEMIC REPORT (CONTINUED)

MASTER OF THEOLOGY (MTH) - NQF 9



GWC'S FIRST MASTER'S STUDENTS GRADUATE IN 2019

In November 2019, GWC graduated four students from our Master's in Theology course. This was a notable occasion because, although the college had Master's students in our Evangelical Research Fellowship for a while, they have always been enrolled in other universities.

Back in 2011, the college had only recently been accredited to offer its own undergraduate BTh programme. While we already had a postgraduate department, we only started offering our own Honours degree in 2016 and our Master's in 2018. This was all part of a long-term strategy to position GWC to provide intellectual and theological leadership within REACH and for the broader African church.

There have been many challenges along the way. Developing the capacity to supervise research at postgraduate level has not been easy. From having two PhDs on faculty in 2011, neither of whom remains, we now have six full-time faculty with doctorates and three others who work closely alongside the college. This growth has, primarily, been the result of an intentional plan to develop our existing faculty. We now have the expertise to supervise research projects in Old and New Testament (and related fields like Hebrew, Greek, and Ancient History), Systematic Theology, and Philosophy. Through our missionary colleagues, Drs Dick and Caroline Seed, and researcher, Dr Jake Griesel, we can also supervise in Missiology and Church History.

Where are the Master's class of 2019 now?



Sivuyile Lurai

is continuing his pastoral ministry at Langa Life Bible Church in Langa, Cape Town.



Masimba Yuba

will be doing his curacy at St James' Church, Kenilworth and focusing on supporting alumnus, Cameron Shabangu, at Red Post Church, Mowbray, Cape Town.



Lisa Trask

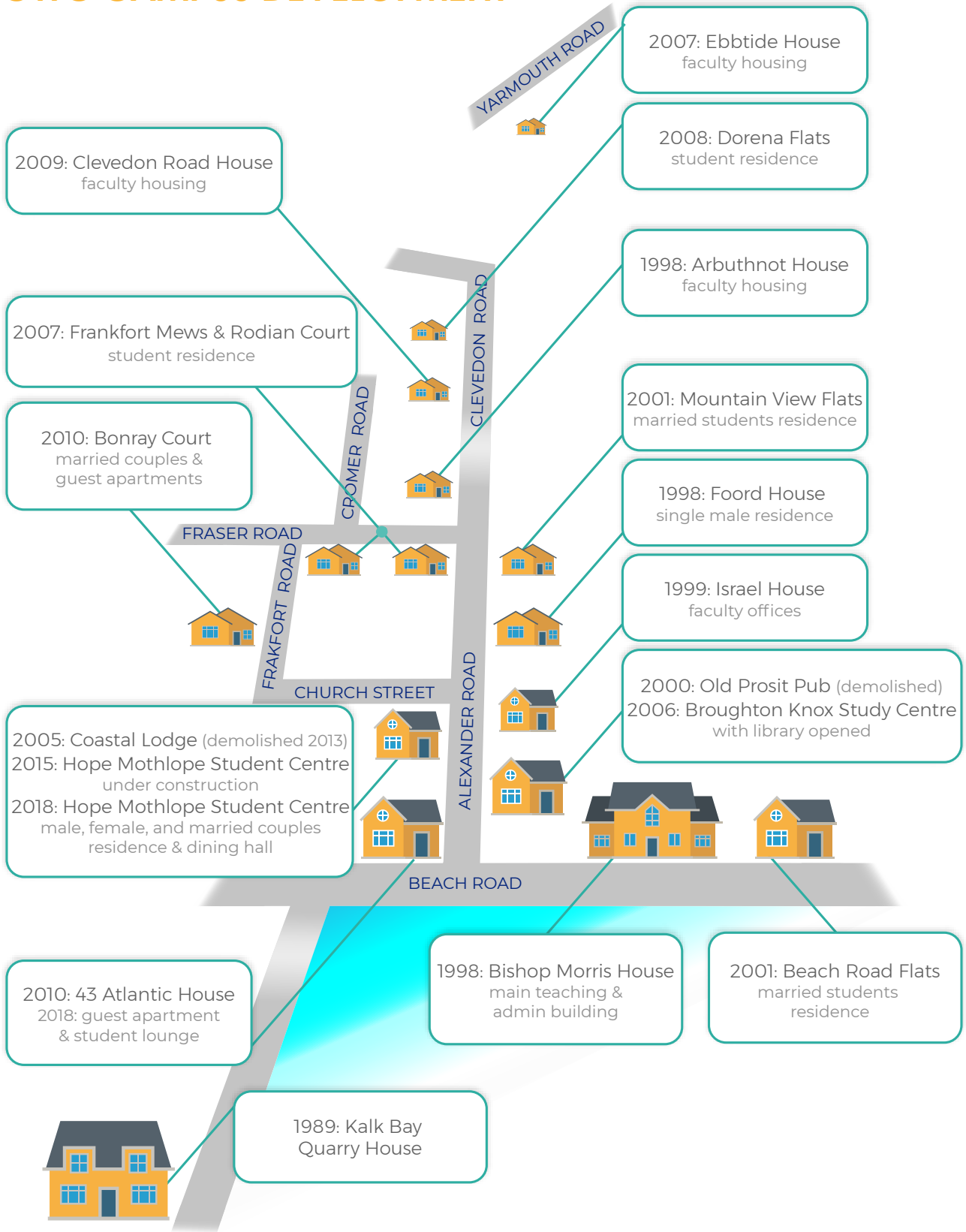
will continue to support her husband, alumnus, Warren Trask, in ministry at St Andrew's Church, Sherborne, UK.



Gerard Jampies

will be doing his curacy at The Message Church, Mowbray while serving in student ministry on the University of Cape Town campus.

GWC CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT



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EVANGELICAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

Our vision at the George Whitefield College's Evangelical Research Fellowship (ERF) is to see the church in Africa transformed through equipping new generations of ministers, church leaders and theologians; securing the conversion of the nations through preaching and teaching the Word of God, together with the scholarly application of a Biblical worldview. We are passionate about these issues.

Situated at the tip of Africa, the ERF is ideally suited to this task as the future of Christian learning and Christianity itself no longer appears to be in Europe but the developing world.

The ERF seeks to serve the Church in Africa through:

The recruiting of preaching pastors, church leaders and theologians (Anglicans) to join the Evangelical Research Fellowship: In past years we have hosted students from various countries, including Cameroon Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Nigeria, Norway, South Africa, Uganda, United Kingdom, Zambia, Zimbabwe and more.

Providing students with a healthy research environment, on-campus accommodation and excellent library resources: Our library of over 60 000 volumes (one of the largest in Africa) can accommodate research requirements up to the PhD. Our library also offers students computer-based research stations (books and journals) and independent study points.

The training and equipping of our postgraduate students through lectures and tutorials: These include one-to-one mentoring and regular fortnightly seminars. These 'Senior Seminars,' serve more than one purpose. Firstly, they present students with opportunities to share their research with their peers and this invites feedback and encouragement. Secondly, we often employ these slots to host international speakers. For example, in 2018 we hosted Dr John Walton and Prof. D. A. Carson who presented seminars on their research to the student body.

Networking and partnering with other educational institutions and individuals for the sharing of resources: Visiting scholars and pastors as specialists in their fields, are invited to lecture at the ERF, or even enjoy a sabbatical with us, pursuing private research.

Moreover, as a project partner with the Overseas Council Australia in their 'Africa Mile Deep Strategy,' the ERF shares OCA's goal to train faculty from several key Anglican theological colleges in Africa. As an

example, together with the OCA, the ERF has teamed up with Crowther Graduate Theological Seminary in Nigeria in order to mentor faculty members as they pursue further postgraduate studies with us in Cape Town. To this end, Drs Caroline and Dick Seed (who have had extensive experience teaching theology in Africa) joined the ERF in 2019 to help steer and coordinate this programme.

We offer two options. First, the 'short course.' Here the student visits for approximately six weeks and attends one or more of our postgraduate 'intensive' modules. He or she also receives additional personalised input from the Seeds. With the second option, 'pre-doctoral' students intending to complete their doctorates at a South African university (such as the University of the Northwest) can join us for a longer period of between three to four years. During this time, these are also tutored towards the preparation and completion of the research proposal for the PhD and, in the case of faculty members intending to return to their sending institutions upon completion of their studies to teach, further training in other areas such as theological education and administration is offered. Again, the Seeds are uniquely qualified to mentor students in these areas.

PhD students with the ERF

Corné Blaauw (pictured below) taught theology at the college while completing his PhD and began pastoring a local church in Cape Town. Bradley Trout taught biblical studies while working on a PhD in the New Testament. Andrew Nalumenya continued with his doctoral studies through Northwest University.





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DEAN OF MEN'S REPORT



Based on my conversations with male students, individually, and with the SRC plus some of the chaplains, it appears that the male students have been doing well under the circumstances. Even though up to now, we have not organised any gatherings that are similar to those of the female students, yet the male students, especially those in residence, do make an effort to support one another. Some of the major discussions that have arisen among the male students have included how best to relate to women in a godly way and how to live together as people from different cultures.

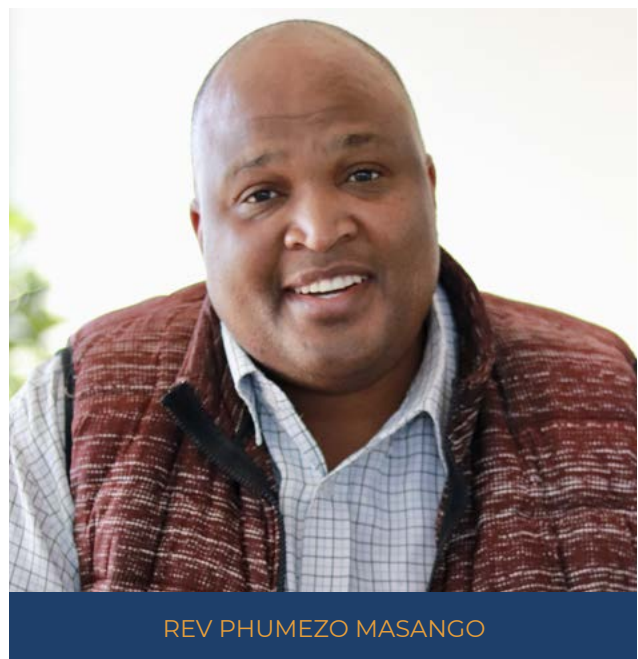
There have been particular challenges facing male students. These challenges include academic struggles, navigating the difficulties that face their families back home and properly handling relationships with the opposite sex. This is to be expected. Some students have been coming to me for advice and the Student Representative Council (SRC) has been great in supporting the students.

Diane Lovell has been a great asset in terms of keeping the administrative side of the dean's work up-to-date and also playing a very big role, especially on those issues that involve struggles in the relationships between female and male students. By God's grace, we have managed to settle some of the serious issues in this regard.

Jonathan More and Mark Dickson are so helpful to us whenever we, the deans, meet with them to give an update on the welfare of the students. Their wisdom and care for the students make our work a lot easier. We are grateful to them.

It seems to me that, generally, there is a godly attitude displayed among most of our male students. They take responsibility and repent when they are wrong. They listen to good advice. I am grateful to God for this because it speaks to the calibre of ministers we will have in the churches and other ministries that they will lead in the future.

I count it a privilege to be serving the male students.



REV PHUMEZO MASANGO

DEAN OF WOMEN'S REPORT



What an amazing year, full of encouraging conversations and gospel opportunities. This year the GWC Women team expanded to include Shirley Emms as another student chaplain and Michelle de Freitas as a student wives' chaplain. Shirley heads up Come Away, an initiative to train and encourage Christian women in Africa. Michelle excels at blending her corporate HR knowledge and skills with loving guidance for women in her care. Both women's experience and wisdom were warmly welcomed by the community.

We also had Maggie Odendaal join our pastoral staff seeking to care for the women staff the college. Maggie has been involved in numerous ministries with a focus on soul care and encouragement. Maggie works alongside Lindy Anderson, former Dean of Women, to nurture and strengthen all women across the departments at the college.

Other women's chaplains this year were Simone Odendaal, Niki Hodson, Marion Child, Diane Lovell, Alison Lee, Susan Rockwell, and Ncwaka Masango. This year we initiated a mixed-gender Fellowship Group aptly lead by student leaders and their chaplains, John Child and Simone Odendaal. We had a weekly student wives' Bible study lead by Rachel Trout, Sarah Ameyaw with their chaplain Marion Child. This Bible study was a wonderful opportunity for the student wives on the campus to join together for fellowship.

Our two annual women's retreats at Villiersdorp were, as always, a much-needed time of respite and relaxation. The students and student wives were challenged by Sophie de Witt who shared from her book, *Compared to Her*. The female staff were exhorted by Berry Brown's talks on prayer. We continued our once-a-term Combined Fellowship

Group gatherings where the women encourage each other through open times of prayer and mutual edification, through personal gospel reflections, and also pre-prepared sermons from Hebrews. GWC Women Talks was a new initiative of one-a-term evening talks where student wives and students could gather together on campus to hear talks from fellow women in ministry.



MRS DIANE LOVELL

THE SRC PRESIDENT REPORT

THE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL FOR 2019



Mensah
Ameyaw
Chairperson



Quentin
Sims
Vice-Chairman/
Student Help



Amanda
Pungula
Secretary



Amy
van Rooyen
Social &
Community



Herbert
Mtoso
International
Students



Eden
Grant
Women



Simphiwe
May
Security



Kwazi
Buthelezi
Residences



Bongo
Mkiva
Finances

SRC REPORT

HELP DESK

We began the year with a heart to seek ways to serve the students. The Student Help Desk was one such way, building on an ethos of care for one another, particularly in the area of studies. We have students who struggle in an area of their academic work, be it languages, essay writing or history etc. and we have students who excel in these areas. The Student Help Desk serves to connect willing student tutors with those needing assistance. In a survey run by the SRC at the end of Term 2, 65% of the respondents indicated they had made use of the Student Help Desk. The continuity of the Help Desk is something subsequent SRC teams should consider.

COMMUNITY PRAYER

As a team, we recognised the importance of prayer in the life of the GWC community. The daily morning prayer session, from 7.00 am to 7.30 am on weekdays, was a promising initiative but failed to produce the participation we desired. As a development from Friday tea-time prayers, the thinking was that by giving people the option to choose a weekday to suit them we would have more students participate. Communal praying has always been a challenge and we pray the Lord will bring growth in this area in our community.

SOCIALS

GWC Launch

An integral part of the annual GWC Launch is its community socials. These are a good way to welcome new students into the community before the academic storm hits. In previous years, the games component involved certain activities outdoors, within the Muizenberg community, which were fun but for the scorching summer heat! This year, we sought to play indoor games. The activities were competitive enough to encourage teamwork and diverse to keep make it great fun.

"This has been my best launch at college."

Renier du Plessis – Year 3

The GWC launch reached a climax with the customary college braai. The plan was to have it at the vlei, but winds that afternoon made an outdoor braai a challenge and we settled for the Doc's Diner with the advantage that families with children find it easier to attend, though the advantage of using the vlei area is being able to include some soccer and other outdoor games.

THE SRC PRESIDENT REPORT (CONTINUED)

Games with Bible Institute and YWAM

There has always been the desire, as a college, to integrate more with neighbouring Christian institutions. This year, we invited students from Bible Institute and YWAM to join us at one of our socials. It was a fun evening where we played board and group games. I think the SRC should continue to seek ways to fellowship with and share our facilities with other Christians.

Worship evening

A new thing we tried was having an evening of praising God through song, as a result of some students desiring a more extended time of singing than at chapel. In our first worship evening, certain students with musical abilities took the responsibility of planning the evening and led the singing accompanied by musical instruments. In the second worship evening, we simply sang along to several songs by We Will Worship on YouTube. Both events were greatly enjoyed by the students.

SALES

Our final activity as a team was a sales initiative. In the past, only the SRC sold items, mainly clothing to the GWC community. This year we took the positive step of opening it up so other students, faculty, staff and churches can join us in selling books, clothing, food and household items to the broader Muizenberg community. We are hoping this sale will serve as a

bridge between the college and community. The monies the SRC makes from the sales goes into the Student Emergency Fund and we are hoping the sales will be an opportunity for others to make some money, too.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The beginning of the year was rough for some first-year students from Zimbabwe. The unrest in January meant they couldn't join the community until a couple of weeks into the first term. Missing Summer school is a really difficult way to begin the year. We were very glad as a team when faculty thoughtfully made arrangements for the students to have Greek tutorials and to take their exams at a later time.

We sought, as a team, to bear the international students in mind in the initiatives we undertook; being aware that cultural differences can pose as a challenge to some integrating into the community. The diversity the international students bring to the already richly diverse South Africa is part of what makes GWC special.

GRATITUDE

We are thankful to God for the opportunity and privilege He gave us to bear some leadership responsibilities. We sought to contribute to the college by taking the concerns of the students seriously and serving them to the best of our abilities.



THE BROUGHTON KNOX STUDY CENTRE

LIBRARY REPORT

The GWC library forms an integral part of the teaching and learning experience at the college. The library exists to fulfil the College's vision:

That Africa be filled with preachers and teachers who deeply love the Lord Jesus and who have a profound understanding of Scripture, in order that Africa may increase its share in the Kingdom of God

ACQUISITIONS

The primary goal of the library is the support of faculty and students in their teaching and learning endeavours. The library collaborates closely with faculty, students (postgraduate) and staff and actively solicits input for the selection of academic resources. This is to ensure that our limited financial resources are spent on meeting the specific course requirements and research needs of faculty and students. During 2019, the library was fortunate to receive a £125 book grant from the Langham Trust (16 titles) and a donation of 245 books from the Theological Book Network. GWC paid shipping and administration costs. We continued to build and diversify our collection. We added 20 titles to our Research Methods collection, 10 titles to Learning & Teaching and 21 titles to Women's Ministry topics.

We also received various donations from individuals, most of which we distributed amongst our needy students.

We added 539 new items to our holdings. Due to massive price increases and exchange rate fluctuations, we find it challenging to acquire good quality academic resources.

PROJECTS

During 2019 we initiated a project to migrate our holdings to a new Library Management System (KOHA). The two existing OPEC computers were replaced and a new circulation desk computer was installed. We refurbished the computer lab and replaced the ageing hardware.

The Librarian was invited to visit Moore College in Australia during September-October 2019. The trip was designed to emerge the librarian into the culture of the Donald Robinson Library and to learn their systems by observing, working alongside and consulting with the team of librarians at Moore College.

We are grateful to OCA for making this visit possible, to Simon Gilham for being a wonderful host and Julia Olsten for her mentorship and guidance.

"This trip enriched my knowledge of theological, academic, and public libraries in Australia. The visit to Sydney Missionary & Bible College (SMBC) was helpful. It allowed me to envision a path from a small college library to a digitally rich library like MTC.

My key learning areas included; Collection development, Cataloging, Research support, Acquisitions, Digital dexterity, Archives and rare books and Online resources.

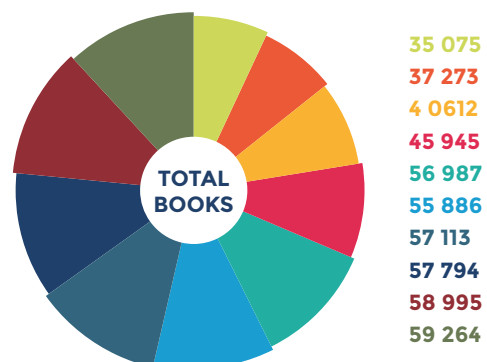
I look forward to applying this to GWC's Broughton Knox study centre."
Mr Collin Majackie

STAFFING

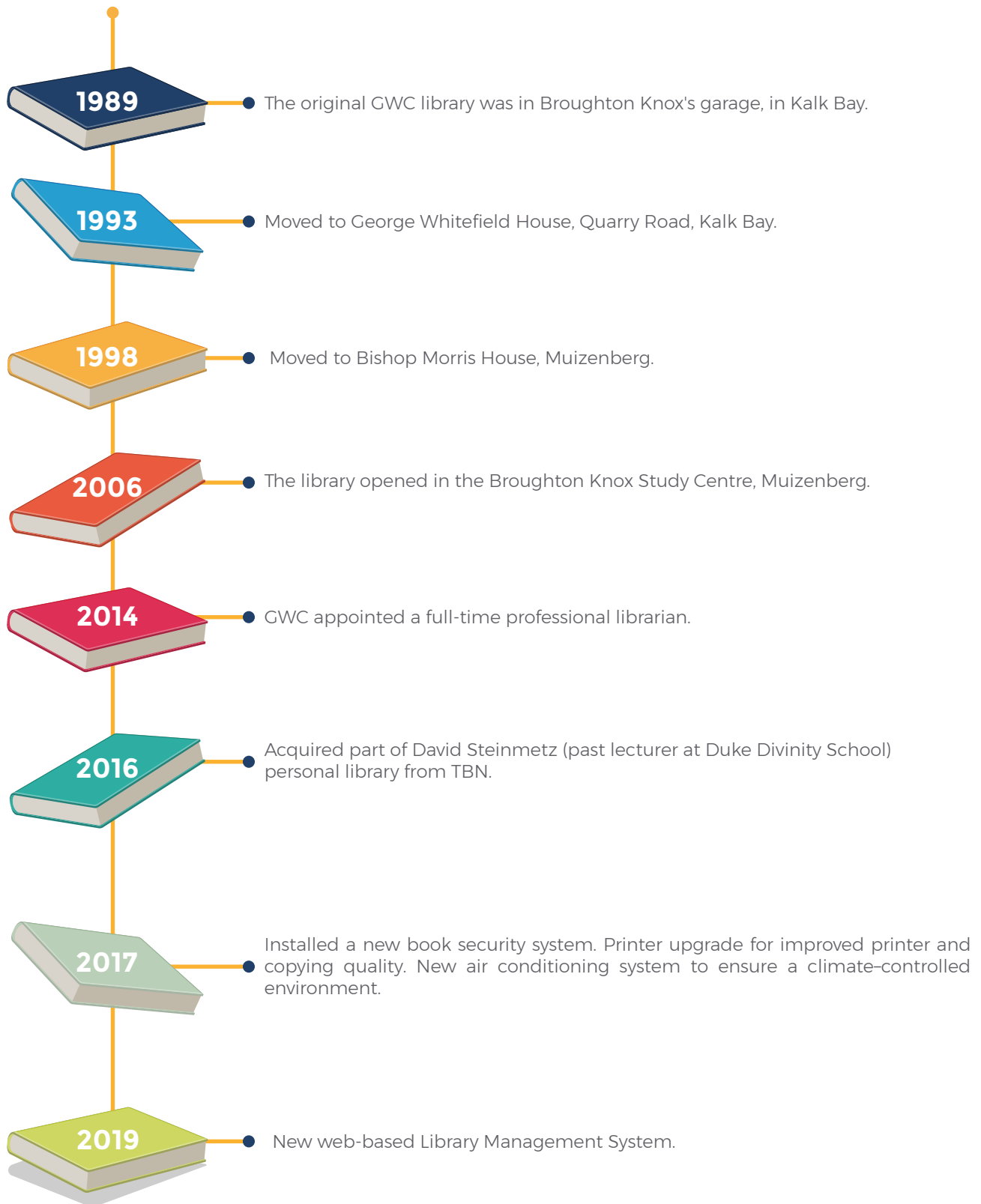
The library is staffed by two permanent employees and approximately 21 bursary student assistants, 10 circulation desk assistants and 10 shelf readers. We offer a special word of thanks to Rosemary, the Library Administrator, and the student assistants for their sterling work in keeping the library operating smoothly. With their cooperation and hard work, it was easy to cater to the information needs of the students, faculty and staff.

GOVERNANCE

The Librarian is part of the Library, Information Technology and Knowledge Centre committees and regularly attends faculty meetings. The Library Committee plays a key role in the governance, advocacy and development of the library. The Library Committee includes Nathan Lovell (Chair, faculty), Colin Majackie (Librarian), Mark Norman (faculty) and Jonathan More (faculty). The Information Technology and Knowledge Centre committees include Collin Majackie (Librarian), Jody Leukes (IT Manager) and Manny de Freitas (Business Manager).



LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT



THE ITUMELENG HOPE MOTLHOPE STUDENT CENTRE

In 2019, GWC's 30th anniversary year, GWC has been training African church leaders for three decades. With expansion over the years, the college outgrew its current campus facilities and was in need of new and improved infrastructure. To meet this need The Itumeleng Hope Motlhope Student Centre has been built, named in memory of a much-loved second-year student who tragically died in 2011 while attempting to save a friend from drowning.

The planning and building of The Hope Motlhope Student Centre started in 2015. It is far and away the biggest project GWC has ever undertaken, reliant on donor partnerships, with a price tag of ZAR35 million. The Hope Centre building was opened in August 2018 by the present and former principals of the College, Dr Mark Dickson and Dr David Seccombe. By the beginning of 2019, it was fitted out and ready for 47 students from the 2019 student intake to move in at the end of January.

The Hope Centre was designed around not only accommodating students, but also encouraging the sort of community in which theological growth can occur. In addition to accommodation for students and two guest rooms, it has a dining facility, Doc's Diner, large enough to accommodate the whole college, as well as parking and social spaces for building community.

GWC's official opening, The Hope Centre Thanksgiving Service, took place on Saturday 18th May 2019 as part of a three-day event that incorporated a one-day conference for major donors, followed by a special dinner, and a day of visiting a local church for overseas supporters.

The Thanksgiving Service was very well attended; a great encouragement and blessing to all. Speaker, Bishop Jomo Mchunu, reminded those present that we need to be faithful to the Bible and remain clear as we teach and preach God's Word. Doc's Diner was filled with grateful hearts for this wonderful gift of a

building. Further support followed on from the donor conference held on Friday 17th May.

GWC's goal was to fulfil fundraising targets to complete The Hope Centre building costs and pay for solar cells by the end of 2019. At the end of 2019, we have a partial pledge for the solar cells and are delighted that the building payment has been covered. Any further costs will be on improvements and maintenance, as required. We are grateful to God for Anglican Aid's significant contribution in reaching this goal. In the longer term, when The Hope Centre's solar solutions are met, this will aid the financial self-sustainability of The Hope Centre considerably. The Hope Centre has also enabled us to attend to much-needed renovations on the building where students were previously residing.

This building has continued to prove hugely successful with students, staff, visitors and the local community. It has already enabled us to accommodate events and activities within the college that serve to build community and enhance curriculum learning. The Student Centre has enabled us to stand by our commitment to residential education in shaping those committed to full-time ministry.

Second-year student, Amanda Pungula, has this to say: "I live in single female accommodation on the second floor of the Hope Centre. I've found that living in the Hope Centre, in a community of other single Christian women, has been an encouragement to me. More than just being able to have a friend over to visit, we have a communal lounge area on our floor that allows us to all spend time hanging out together. We do also get to spend time with the rest of the students in the Hope Centre. After dinner, we regularly congregate to play games. As a result, our Christian fellowship is growing."

"It feels good to prepare for the final exam after a long semester, and the Ekklēsia Lounge provides a great environment for studying." Danielle Nel (BTh2)



THE ITUMELENG HOPE MOTLHOPE STUDENT CENTRE DEVELOPMENT



BEGINNING | November 2017



MIDDLE | March 2018



MIDDLE | May 2018



MIDDLE | August 2018



END | Completed in August 2018

THE EXPLORE CORRESPONDENCE PROGRAMME



EXPLORE ARTICLE

The vision for Explore is that it becomes the disciple-tool of choice within the church of Africa by equipping the local church with sound, reformed, evangelical, theological material.

The key elements of our strategy for Explore are:

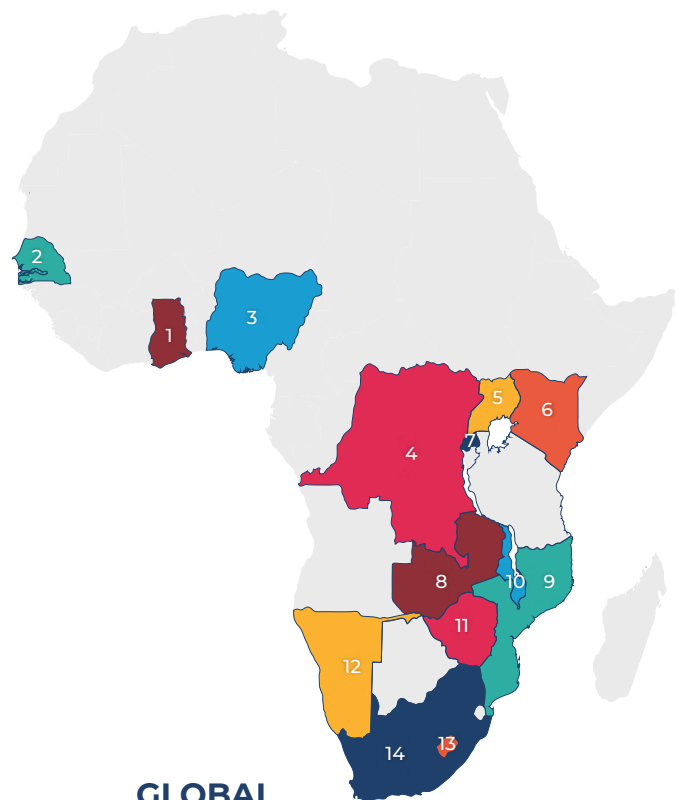
- Competent Explore facilitators
- Effective administration
- Core partnerships

THE LORD CONTINUES TO BLESS EXPLORE

The number of Explore modules studied since the year of the inception of the Explore continues to grow exponentially with expansion into five new countries and the addition of trained facilitators. The growing use of Explore in new countries in Africa remains largely the result of facilitation training delivered in these countries.

AFRICA

- 1** GHANA
Groups: 1 | Enrolments: 13 | Facilitators: 1
- 2** SENEGAL & THE GAMBIA
Groups: 1 | Enrolments: 7 | Facilitators: 1
- 3** NIGERIA
Groups: 1 | Enrolments: 11 | Facilitators: 1
- 4** DR CONGO
Groups: 2 | Enrolments: 2 | Facilitators: 2
- 5** UGANDA
Groups: 7 | Enrolments: 448 | Facilitators: 7
- 6** KENYA
Groups: 3 | Enrolments: 123 | Facilitators: 2
- 7** RWANDA
Groups: 2 | Enrolments: 51 | Facilitators: 3
- 8** ZAMBIA
Groups: 1 | Enrolments: 26 | Facilitators: 1
- 9** MOZAMBIQUE
Groups: 15 | Enrolments: 348 | Facilitators: 7
- 10** MALAWI
Groups: 2 | Enrolments: 176 | Facilitators: 3
- 11** ZIMBABWE
Groups: 3 | Enrolments: 72 | Facilitators: 3
- 12** NAMIBIA
Groups: 6 | Enrolments: 88 | Facilitators: 6
- 13** LESOTHO
Groups: 7 | Enrolments: 448 | Facilitators: 7
- 14** SOUTH AFRICA
Groups: 18 | Enrolments: 896 | Facilitators: 34
- OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES
Groups: 0 | Enrolments: 5 | Facilitators: 0



GLOBAL

- NORTH AMERICA
Groups: 1 | Enrolments: 28 | Facilitators: 1
- AUSTRALIA
Groups: 0 | Enrolments: 2 | Facilitators: 0
- EUROPE - UK & THE EAST
Groups: 0 | Enrolments: 8 | Facilitators: 0

A GROWING TEAM

Saralee Molodi, our new Operations Manager, joined the team in October 2019. The key outcomes required of the Operations Manager will be to build key partnerships in selected new countries to enable the training of facilitators, engaging new students and establishing banking and publishing capabilities. The other key outcome will be to increase the exposure of Explore in the countries where the course is already being studied.

NEW COUNTRIES LAUNCHED

Explore was launched in Namibia, Zambia, Nigeria,

Senegal and The Gambia in 2019, with one new group started in each country and six in Namibia.

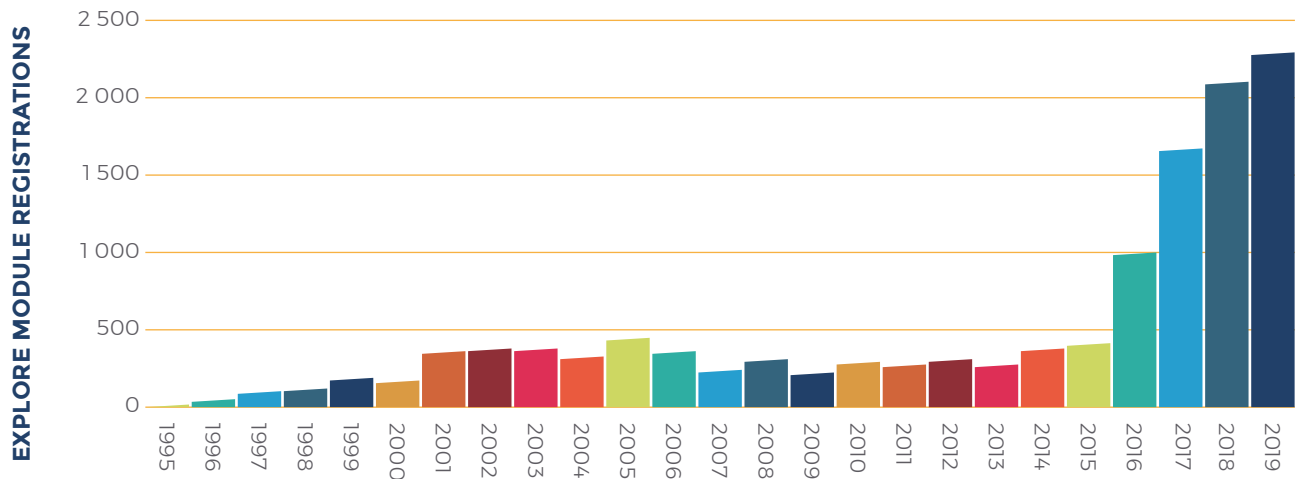
FUTURE HUBS IN DEVELOPMENT

Significant progress has been made toward the formation of Explore's first hub outside of South Africa in East Africa, to be launched in Uganda in 2020 and led by Rev. Grace Kavuma.

INCREASE IN MODULES STUDIED

A total of 2 320 Explore modules were studied by 1 228 students in 2019, constituting a growth of 9,4% as seen in the table below.

THE EXPLORE CORRESPONDENCE PROGRAMME (CONTINUED)

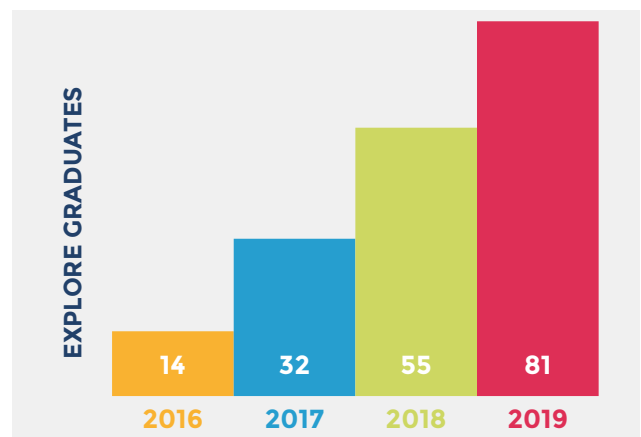


INCREASE IN GRADUATES

In keeping with the trend witnessed over the past four years, 2019 saw considerable growth in the number of students completing all eight modules and graduating from Explore. There was an increase of 47.3% in Explore students who graduated in 2019.

PROGRESS MADE IN MODULE TRANSLATIONS

Translation of Explore modules from English into eight additional languages has continued to progress in 2019, albeit at a moderate pace, with a view to educating an increased number of African population groups in their first language:



Languages	Explore countries
Afrikaans, Zulu, Xhosa	South Africa
French	DR Congo, Rwanda, Senegal, Cameroon
Portuguese	Mozambique, Angola
Swahili	Tanzania, Uganda, Kenya, Mozambique, DR Congo, Rwanda.
Chichewa	Malawi, Zambia.
Kinyarwanda	Rwanda

CONTINUED EDITING OF EXPLORE MATERIAL

We have commenced the editing of the English version of the Explore modules with translations in mind. The use of vernacular Bibles in translating the Explore material has created some misunderstandings when translating certain passages taken from the English NIV. During the editing process, we will be adding guidelines for translating these specific passages to ensure that the integrity of the Explore material is maintained.

PRAYER

As Explore expands in Africa it is our prayer that a suitable fundraising specialist will join the team to ensure the sustainability of the program.

DEVELOPMENT OF AN APP AND MARKING MODEL

The digital development of Explore has made progress but due to Internet connectivity problems in most African countries, the online version will be a hybrid of both correspondence and distance learning.

Before studying Explore I couldn't connect the books of the Bible, how the Old Testament connects with the New Testament. So for me it was an eye-opener, because now I understand the Word of God better, and I can now share my faith with other people confidently.

Felistas Mutonono, Harare, Zimbabwe



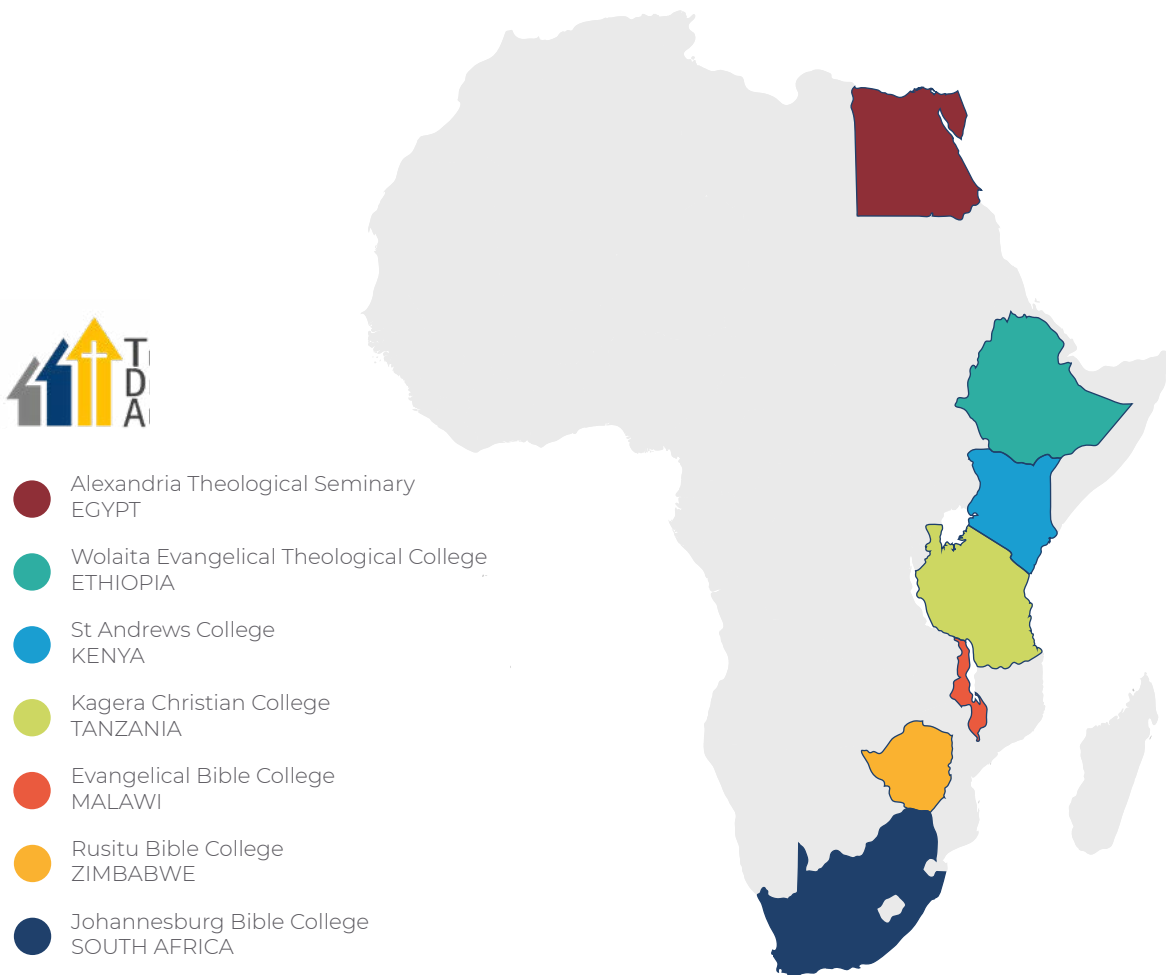
THEOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT AFRICA (TDA)

Theological Development for Africa (TDA) is a project that aims to grow capacity with other theological institutions across Africa through the provision of bursaries, supporting curriculum by sending faculty to teach at those Colleges and offering bursaries for study and research at GWC.

In 2019 TDA supported bursaries for students to study at GWC and our partner colleges.



THEOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT AFRICA PROGRAMME



THEOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT AFRICA (TDA) (CONTINUED)

Each year the supported colleges submit a report in which the students share their observations on the state of the Church in these different countries in Africa. Their feedback highlights the urgent need to deliver sound theological teaching. They voice a united concern that without Theological training church leaders struggle to lead their churches towards a deeper understanding of God through the study of His Word and are at risk of abandoning the Gospel for other teachings.

“The challenges that face the church in Egypt are, in my view: The church is greatly influenced by secular ideology. This is obvious on so many fronts. The church is losing its identity as a Christian witness and giving way to strange teachings. There is not enough emphasis on Christian/theological education in churches in Egypt. So, the door is left open for any kind of teaching to sweep in. I hope that the church plays its role in spreading sound doctrine not just in seminaries but at a grassroots level as well.”

I feel called to mission work in Africa especially Liberia. I hope to be involved in evangelism and discipleship in order to help the local church.”

Angel Dawood, Alexandria School of Theology

“Firstly, there’s a surge in erroneous teachings in the Malawian Church. Most of the pastors and preachers do not have theological training. As such, they are prone to the preaching and propagation of false doctrines. The emergence of the prophetic movement has propelled the advance of a prosperity gospel where a lot of prophetic and charismatic figures are exploiting and manipulating poor Christians with promises of health and wealth.

Poverty also poses as one of the major the threats to the church. My studies at EBCoM have prepared meI can now give clear and sound expositions of Scripture to different audiences thereby contributing to the overall growth of the Body of Christ.”

Samuel Zongoloti, Evangelical Bible College of Malawi

“We have many false prophets on the rise that are ministering a message that Christ is not enough and people need more than Jesus, more in healing, more in deliverance, more in wealth, more in claiming things that belong to others. I also feel that the church is missing in the area of being real and relevant within communities, addressing the social ill’s or standing up for injustice.....I thank God for the opportunity I have had to study at JBC, it has opened my eyes to a lot that I have been blinded to concerning issues in the church and has presented good possibilities to engage with these issues.”

Kevin Julius, Johannesburg Bible College

As a priest, one is called to promote unity, peace and love to the congregation and also to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Therefore, treating each and every member of the church equally, whether poor or rich, is key in this ministry, and so I will issue leadership positions equally to people. I will also try to mobilise people in urban areas to visit those in rural areas and engage them in activities such as fundraising, hence the growth of the church and evangelism. Lastly, I will help the congregation to grow spiritually and avoid competition to be a more famous church than the others, through the Grace of God.

On completion of this course, I hope to get sponsorship in George Whitfield College, South Africa. Thence, I will continue with my studies in Biblical languages, whereby I will be able to help others who have an interest in learning the Biblical languages, and also, I will understand the Bible better from my understanding of these languages.

St Andrew’s Theology College, Kenya, Risper Wambui Nyaguthii



GWC lecturer Phumezo Masango was invited to speak at the JBC conference held at the Soweto campus earlier in 2019



Dr Mark Norman, GWC faculty, visited St Andrew’s Kabare to teach and preach at their graduation in November 2019

THE FINANCIAL REPORT

FINANCES

DONATIONS

We are thankful for our many Gospel Partners who once again enabled us to end this year with a total donated income of R38.5 m in 2019 (2018: R35.4 m). This was an increase of R3.1 m from 2018 and includes donations which enabled us to pay off the R3.5m which was still owing for the building of the Itumeleng Hope Motlhope Centre. Total donations for the year also include a Special Donation of R15.7 m which is designated for future bursaries. Donations to the tune of R18m were earmarked for funding the operational costs of the College - the balance are restricted for designated purposes.

Donations to GWC are comprised of much valued continuing support from faithful long-standing Gospel Partners and new donations from fundraising events in America, the UK and closer to home in Johannesburg, Port Elizabeth and Cape Town. Our GWC cycling team participated in the Cape Town Cycle Tour to raise

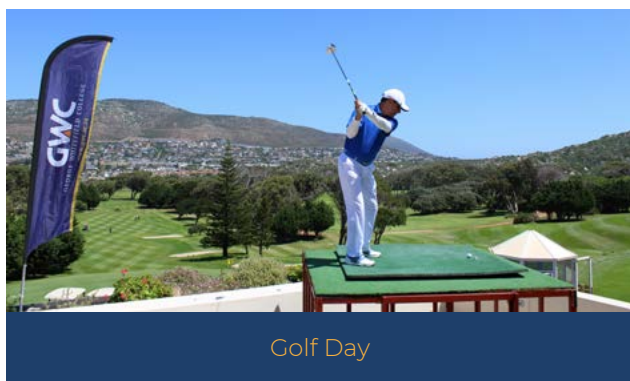


Cycle Tour

funds for Student Bursaries. Our Annual 2019 Golf Day, held at the Clovelly Country Club in Fish Hoek, was an enjoyable time of connecting with friends of the College and their guests. Students, staff and faculty were involved in the day and the students shared the impact of their time at GWC with those who attended.

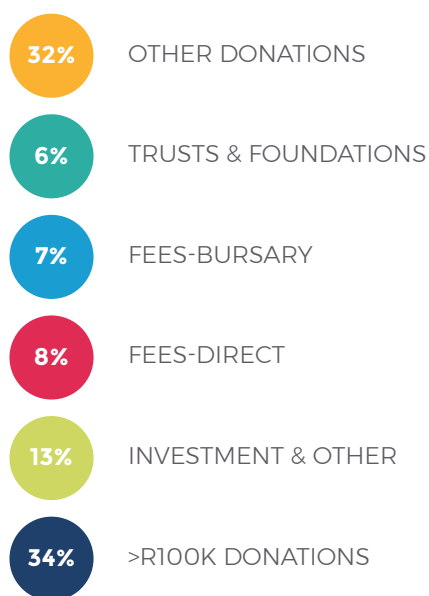
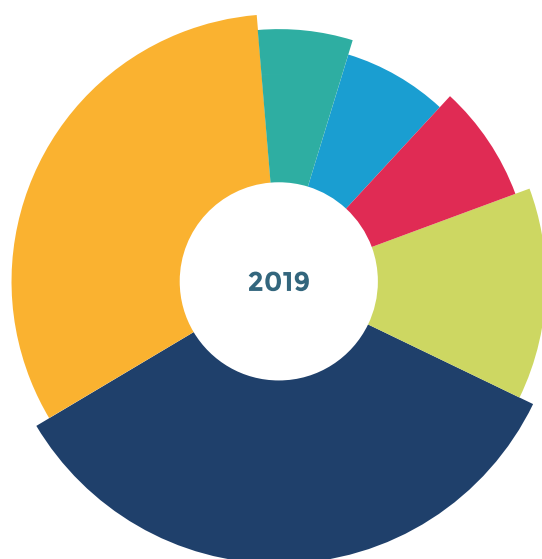
The sources of income graph (below) once again highlights the high dependence on donations which represent 73% of income, which is slightly down from 82% in 2018. This dependency represents a high risk as the College is exposed to the loss of donor base as well as exposure to the foreign exchange risks attached to foreign donations.

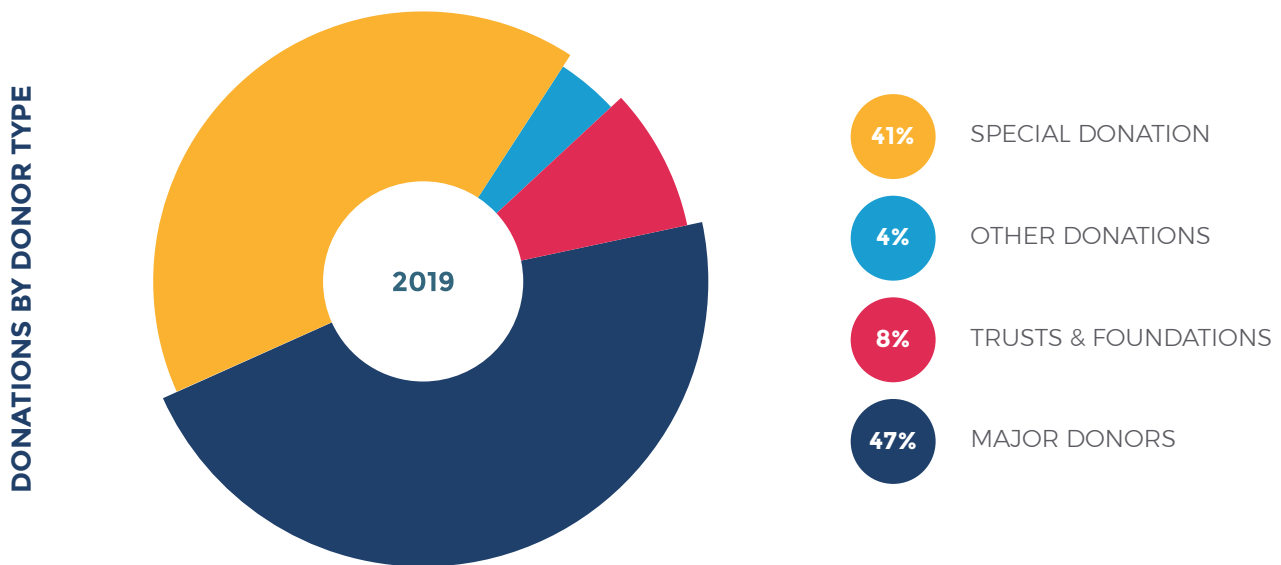
In 2019 the Fundraising and Relationship Development board committee sought to develop longer-term investment opportunities for donors, to reduce GWC's dependency on Annual donations by at least 50%. These should be in place by early 2020 and will impact GWC's long term sustainability.



Golf Day

SOURCES OF INCOME
(ADJUSTED FOR MAJOR DONORS)





OPERATING RESULTS

GWC ended the year with an operating loss of just under R0.1m compared to a loss of R4.3 m in 2018. Investment returns were significantly better in 2019 which contributed positively to our operating bottom line this year. Although individual giving was down slightly in 2019, our donations from Trusts and Foundations increased by R2 m due to the outstanding work from George Whitefield College’s Fundraising Team – we thank God for them.

A key feature of our income, specifically donations, is the level of designated funds (monies given for specific purposes other than operations) which flows through our income statement for future use. These ring-fenced funds for the year are not available for funding operations thus the deficit is largely funded from our strategic reserves. The designated funds for 2019 amounted to R20.4 m (2018: R19.1 m) which is equal to 53% of donations raised – a very large percentage. As in 2018, the bulk of this will fund future bursaries. On the expense side, remuneration costs represent nearly 40% of the college’s operations expense profile. This is aligned to similar higher education institutions. In 2019, GWC was privileged to host the annual Synod of REACH-SA and we were able to contribute towards the costs of this event.

CONCLUSION

The College must continue to strive to reduce our ongoing shortfall each year and to continue in our strict budgeting procedures and disciplined expense management. Strategies to develop alternative revenue streams is of key importance in order to reduce our reliance in the long run on annual donated funds. We pray that the Gospel work of GWC will continue to be sustainable and that we may see many more Gospel hearted ministers of God’s Word equipped to share the Gospel of Truth throughout Africa and beyond.

GEORGE WHITEFIELD COLLEGE NPC

Income Statement for the period ending 31 December 2019		
	2019	2018
	R'000	R'000
Revenue	48 039	43 040
Investment Income (loss)	5 029	(16)
	53 068	43 024
Operating Expenses	(32 767)	(28 312)
Statutory Surplus	20 301	14 712
Less: Designated Funds	(20 396)	(19 085)
Actual Operating Deficit	(95)	(4 373)
Balance Sheet at 31 December 2019		
	2019	2018
	R'000	R'000
Assets	140 176	118 602
Property, plant & equipment	78 362	74 850
Investments	48 086	32 306
Current Assets	13 728	11 446
Equity and Liabilities	140 176	118 602
Accumulated Surplus	75 436	73 466
Reserves	58 657	40 326
Non-current Liabilities	3 800	2 670
Current Liabilities	2 283	2 140





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