

## DAVID ALEXANDER BURKE

David joined the PTC staff in January 2011 as lecturer in Ministry and Practice.

### MINISTRY

David was ordained as a Presbyterian minister in 1979 and served at Henty (1979-89) and Strathfield (1983-89), during which appointments he was also involved in denominational ministries of Christian and theological education. From 1989-1999 he served as NSW Director of Christian Education, along with teaching at PTC and involvement with Presbyterian Church Schools. From 1999-2010 he was senior minister of Orchard Road Presbyterian Church in Singapore. During this period he also taught at local seminaries, had a radio ministry, and was involved in regional training ministries within SE Asia.

### EDUCATION

David has a BA and BD from the University of Sydney, along with a Dip Cont Ed and MEd from the University of New England. He is completing an MTh through the Asian Graduate School of Theology (Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand).

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

(a) Presbyterian Theological Centre, Burwood NSW (formerly NSW Presbyterian Theological Hall)

- 1981 - 1999. Part time lecturer in Reformed Perspectives & Presbyterian Principles and Practice (Westminster Confession I & II, Scottish & U.S.A. Church History).
- 1983 -1999. Part time lecturer, Church History.
- 1995 -1999. Part time lecturer, Communications.
- 1995 -7. Part time lecturer, Philosophy.
- 1994 -97. Part time lecturer, Foundations of Christian Thought.
- 1994 -97. Part time lecturer, Literature & Culture.
- 1998 -1999. Part time lecturer, World View 1&2 (incorporating philosophy, foundations of Christian thought, and literature and culture).
- 1992-99. Co-leader of Chalmers Group, a monthly meeting of lay persons grappling with issues of Christian world view at the theoretical and applied level.

(b) Singapore-based

- 2004 - 2010: Associate member of Ichthus Research Institute Singapore Bible College.
- 2005 – 2010: member of Academic Programmes Committee, Asia Graduate School of Theology (AGST)
- 2005 - 2010: Practicum supervision, teaching & thesis supervision for AGST MTh / PhD programme
- 2006/7: lecturer in Church History, Trinity Theological College, Singapore

- 2008: lecturer in OT Interpretation for EAST (Singapore) programme taught in Chiang Mai (Thailand) for Campus Crusade workers in China.
- 2009 – 2010 Lecturer in Theology of Worship, Singapore Bible College

## **PUBLICATIONS**

David's publications since 2000 include:

- *Review; 'Dictionary of Asian Christianity'*; Reformed Theological Review, 61,1, April 2002
- Quarterly columnist in The Express, magazine of the English Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in Singapore, 2003 –2007.
- *Should the Teaching of Pastoral Ministry be Church Based or Seminary Based?* Paper presented to Icthus Research Institute, Singapore Bible College, October 2004.
- *Introduction to the Westminster Confession of Faith*. 2009. Revised version of 1995 publication *Understanding Presbyterian Doctrine*. A further revision is underway in conjunction with PTC (Melb) Media as an introduction to the doctrine of the Presbyterian Church of Australia.
- *Time to Leave the Wilderness? – The teaching of pastoral theology in South East Asia*. Chapter in forthcoming book commemorating the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ATA.