

**1<sup>st</sup>** Kenyan theologian Dr Liz Mburu joins the faculty team on 1 May as Senior Researcher. Pray that she will settle in well to the GWC community and be of great support to the postgraduate students she will be working with, alongside other work.

**2<sup>nd</sup>** Term 2 is now well underway. Pray for our students that they would be able to manage their time well in order to complete assignments and keep up to date with course material.

**3<sup>rd</sup>** Dr Caroline Seed and Dr Thapelo Khumalo taught TALHITE Phase 3 at Johannesburg Bible College (JBC) recently. Pray that their input will be of great benefit to those who attended.

**4<sup>th</sup>** A group from The Bridge Church in Sydney are visiting College from 5-7 May. Pray that they would enjoy their time here and feel encouraged by the work of the College. Praise God for their faithful partnership and support.

**5<sup>th</sup>** Explore Administrator Shaista David's time with Explore came to an end at the close of April. Please pray that the Lord will graciously lead and provide for her in this new season of life, guiding her steps and opening doors for service in His kingdom.

**6<sup>th</sup>** Applications for 2027 are now open. Pray for the registry team as they plan for these new students, and as they manage the faculty review and bursary allocation processes. Pray also for their mid-year intake of Masters students.

**7<sup>th</sup>** GWC past student Paul Kayumba, Theology Senior Lecturer at Africa Christian University (Zambia), gives thanks for the opportunity he had to speak at The Christian Educators Conference in April. Paul gives thanks for all who attended the sessions and asks for prayer that many would have a greater understanding of the Bible and be able to teach it well.

**8<sup>th</sup>** Faculty member Dr Jake Griesel presented at the conference "Thomas Barlow's Europe: Universities and Early Enlightenment Culture" at All Souls College, Oxford, and attended the Reformation Studies Colloquium at University College London. Praise God for these opportunities to contribute to and benefit from theological thought leadership.

**9<sup>th</sup>** Students enrolled in the Postgraduate Diploma in Higher Theological Education (PGDipHTE) have recently completed their second intensive module. Praise God for His work in building capacity in theological institutions across Africa through this new programme.

**10<sup>th</sup>** Give thanks for the appointment of Solam Fani, our new Campus Manager. Pray that God will strengthen and prepare him for his work in this position and that he will be a great asset.

**11<sup>th</sup>** An Open Day will be held at College on 14 May. Pray for good connections to be made with those attending, and for God to direct those students whom He has called to study at GWC.

**12<sup>th</sup>** GWC past student George Robinson has planted Anchor Bible Church in Ballito, KZN. Pray they will grow in numbers with a goal of 40 members by July and that they might find a suitable venue to accommodate all the adults and kids.

**13<sup>th</sup>** Explore is currently undergoing a season of renewal and transition in its operational model. As with any meaningful change, some disruptions are inevitable. Please pray for a smooth transition process, with unity, wisdom, and alignment among all stakeholders and staff.

**14<sup>th</sup>** The SRC run fundraisers for the student emergency fund, pray that these would be well supported and that additional unforeseen costs would be able to be covered by this fund.

**15<sup>th</sup>** Dr Peter Lau will teach a postgraduate intensive module "Interpreting Chronicles for Today: From Exile to Kingdom". Pray that students will engage well with the material and that they would grow in both knowledge and love for God.

**16<sup>th</sup>** Dr Richard and Caroline Seed are taking much-needed leave in mid-May; pray that this time would be restful and restorative.

**17<sup>th</sup>** GWC past student Linda Ngqulunga was made Deacon recently at Christ Church Khayelitsha and will continue to serve as Assistant Pastor. He requests prayer to serve God's people faithfully, those to whom he has been entrusted.

**18<sup>th</sup>** Give thanks for the annual financial auditing process that has been finalised. Pray for energy and sustaining grace for the finance team who have invested much time in this process and who have many other responsibilities and tasks to attend to.

**19<sup>th</sup>** Pray that donors would look favourably upon Explore and be moved to give generously, as funding is needed to sustain and grow the ministry.

**20<sup>th</sup>** One of our Ugandan students has not yet received his study visa. Pray that the Lord would make a way for it to be granted.

**21<sup>st</sup>** Pray for good health for the whole College community, and for endurance and strength in the face of winter illnesses.

**22<sup>nd</sup>** Faculty members are wrapping up lectures for the term and looking ahead to exam preparation. Pray for stamina and focus for them in this time.

**23<sup>rd</sup>** GWC past student, Ahlumile Toyo, Curate at Emmanuel Church, Lorraine (Gqeberha) hopes to return to GWC in 2027 for his BTh degree. Pray for Ahlumile as he leads the Youth Ministry, that more teens will commit and grow for Christ, and for the leaders as they continue to display Christ to their community.

**24<sup>th</sup>** Give thanks for the regular donations we receive from churches, individuals and Christian organisations. We praise God for generous hearts that enable us to continue our work.

**25<sup>th</sup>** Pray for students to prioritise quality time in the Bible.

**26<sup>th</sup>** Our students are serving in a variety of church placement contexts. Pray that they would build good relationships in these communities, serve faithfully and benefit much from their time spent with their respective churches.

**27<sup>th</sup>** Lectures end for the term on 27 May. Pray for students as they go on a study break (exams start 8 June) that they would revise everything they need to and feel confident.

**28<sup>th</sup>** GWC past student Conwell Muyambo was ordained Presbyter at Christ Church Strand. Conwell continues to be responsible for the 8am English services, as well as other Assistant Pastor duties. Please pray for him as he does his duties all to the glory of God.

**29<sup>th</sup>** GWC past student Samuel Wasswa has been ordained as an Anglican priest at St. John's Cathedral, a central Buganda Diocese, and is also a chaplain at Bulamu Seed Secondary School. Pray for him to preach God's word faithfully in the various ministries he is involved in, and for better health for him and his family as they serve Him with different gifts.

**30<sup>th</sup>** Our reception staff juggle many administrative tasks while assisting visitors at the front desk. Give thanks for their helpful and friendly attitudes and pray that God would strengthen them in their roles.

**31<sup>st</sup>** Pray for our GWC Christian community - that we will serve each other faithfully and be a witness for Christ in all that we do.