



Rutherford House Newsletter

Spring 2015

Elders' DVD...

We are delighted to announce that the Elders' Training DVD has now completed its editorial process and will be available shortly. This took longer than we expected but we trust that it will have been worth the wait. We are very grateful to all who have been involved with this project, not least to Sanctus Media for their professional expertise in filming, editing and production. We are now taking orders for the DVD and associated booklet. The cost will be **£20** (excluding p&p). Please contact Jan Bradford to place an order.



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16th Edinburgh Dogmatics Conference

The 16th Edinburgh Dogmatics Conference will take place from Monday 31st August until Thursday 3rd September 2015 in Palmerston Place Church. The theme of the conference is 'Reformed Worship' and an excellent group of speakers from the UK, Europe and the USA has been assembled. Ministers of the Church of Scotland should consider applying for

Study Leave funding to attend. There are also some bursaries available to ministers (of any denomination) directly from Rutherford House, which would cover the fees for the conference (but not accommodation). The full details of the conference are available on the Rutherford House website: www.rutherfordhouse.co.uk



Rutherford House at Costa Coffee

During the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, Rutherford House held an information evening at Costa Coffee on Hanover Street. Those that came along heard more about the work of the House and took the opportunity to pick up some RH resources and to buy some RH books all priced at £1!

Development Officer Vacancy

It is our intention to appoint a Development Officer to begin work in Autumn 2015, at our Edinburgh office. We are looking for someone who has a degree in theology, understands Reformed theology and has some experience in public speaking. There is an Occupational Requirement (Equality Act - part 1, schedule 9) that the post-holder is a committed Christian. Full details of the position can be obtained from rutherford-houseedinburgh@gmail.com

Keep in touch:

You can keep up to date with all our activities by visiting our new website www.rutherfordhouse.co.uk or liking our Facebook Page

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Urban Ministry

Rev. Robert Calvert, minister of the Steeple Church in Dundee, has just become a trustee of Rutherford House. Previously he was a Church of Scotland minister in Rotterdam and in Drumchapel, Glasgow. Under the auspices of Rutherford House, he is designing a programme to encourage ministers and other servants to think biblically about urban ministry. Robert's experience has been mainly in the renewal of what is already there and in contexts that have experienced rapid change. The first step is to hold a conversation about what the programme might look like. If you are interested or have suggestions, please call the Rutherford House office (or Robert direct at 0753 202 9343 / robertacalvert@gmail.com).



We are delighted to announce a new area of the House's ministry called 'UndertheRainbow'. This is an online resource aiming to support people affected by the loss of a baby and infertility, as well as those involved in adoption and fostering, from a biblical and theological perspective. Judith Keefe initiated UtR with support from several people who have experience of these issues, and she continues to develop it. The main features of the website include biblical resources, testimonials, reading recommendations and other information to encourage people on this difficult – and often private – path. There are also resources for those who do not have direct experience but want to help and support those affected by these issues.

Kingdom Come: The Rutherford House Ministry Conference 19th-21st September 2016

Our first Kingdom Come conference for Ministers will be held on 19-21 September 2016. The theme for our conference is Ministry in the Growing Kingdom and we are delighted to have Krish Kandiah, President of the London School of Theology and Tommy MacNeil, minister at Martin's Memorial Church, Storonway amongst others as speakers. Booking for this conference will open in the new year, but please mark the dates in your diary.

New Office

We have moved to larger premises within Palmerston Place, next door to our current office. This will give us an office for Jan Bradford, one for the new Development Officer, a meeting room and a kitchen, as well as some storage space. This is a natural development to account for the growth of the work and we are grateful to Palmerston Place Church for making this possible. All of the contact details for the House, including the phone number, remain the same. Please note our new web address is

www.rutherfordhouse.co.uk

Thank You

We would like to thank all our supporters over the last year. If you contributed financially to Rutherford House and wish confirmation of Gift Aid donations for tax purposes please contact Jan Bradford (jbradford@rutherfordhouse.org.uk)

Prayer

Your prayers would be appreciated:

For the appointment of a Development Officer
For the completion and distribution of the Elders' training DVD
For the Trustees as they discuss and plan for future projects.



Whether you are a new Christian, a mature Christian or even an interested party you will be aware of the benefit of reading good theology books. You will also likely be aware of the difficulty of devoting time to reading good books. We all know we ought to do it and that it would benefit us, but really struggle to make time for it! **Theology 150** is a new ministry of RH seeking to promote and recommend from **mid June** theology books with two strict criteria: 1. They need to be **good**. 2. They need to be **short** (under 150 pages in length). There is a wealth of good theology books out there that even the slowest reader can read fairly quickly, and that will really benefit you in your walk of faith.