



Rutherford House

Newsletter

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Following retirements from the Board after the maximum three terms of office, we are delighted to announce that the Rev Gordon Kennedy became the new Chairman of Rutherford House in January 2018. The Rev Professor Andrew McGowan stepped down, having completed the maximum term both as a Trustee and as Chairman of the Trustees. Another of those who stepped down was The Rev Alistair Donald, who served for a long period as Company Secretary. We are very grateful to Andrew and Alistair for their commitment to the work of the House over many years.



Rev Gordon Kennedy

RUTHERFORD CENTRE FOR REFORMED THEOLOGY

You have not heard from us for some time because we have been reflecting on the way forward for the House. Every organisation must, from time to time, review its operations and that is what we have been doing.

As a result, we are delighted to announce that, from January 2019, the work of the House will be taken forward by a new centre. This is to be called the **Rutherford Centre for Reformed Theology**. When Rutherford House was originally established by the Rev William Still and others, part of the vision was to work with the churches and also with the universities. At a church level, we have provided conferences, elders' training, ministers' meetings and seminars, published pamphlets and books and generally sought to uphold our mission statement 'To help people to think biblically and theologically'. At university level, we created the bi-annual Edinburgh Dogmatics Conference, alongside various academic study groups.

The new centre will continue to develop both sides of the work but with three particular emphases:

1. **To promote Reformed Theology among congregations, elders and ministers.**
2. **To foster research in Reformed Theology.**
3. **To demonstrate the relevance of Reformed Theology in the 21st century.**

Full details of the new RCRT will be announced at the end of June, including staffing, location and other details.



GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION

A new piece of European legislation is about to come into law, affecting all businesses, organisations and charities. It is called the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). After four years of preparation and debate, the GDPR was finally approved by the EU Parliament on 14 April 2016. The enforcement date is 25th May 2018, at which time those organizations in non-compliance may face heavy fines.

The Trustees of Rutherford House are required to comply with this legislation and so certain steps must be taken.

At the moment we hold your contact information. For most people, we have a name, address and email address. For others (especially trustees and volunteers) we also have telephone numbers. The law now requires that we ask every one of you reading this Newsletter to give us permission to continue to hold your information.

If you received this Newsletter by post, then you will find a slip of paper to be signed and returned to Rutherford House. If you received it by email, then we need you to email us back with the following message:

'I hereby give permission for Rutherford House to hold my contact details, for the purpose of providing information concerning the work of Rutherford House.'

We apologise for this inconvenience but we are required to obey the law. It may be, of course, that you support other organisations or charities or missionary societies and they have already asked you to do this. Every one of them must do what we are doing. We hope you understand.

At a time when we are about to launch this new Rutherford Centre for Reformed Theology, it would be a pity if we were not able to send you the information.