

The Australasian Pentecostal Studies Centre October 2018 – January 2019

APSC wins Community Heritage Grant!

The APSC is delighted to announce that it has been awarded another Community Heritage Grant from the National Library of Australia. The funds received will be put toward a 'disaster preparedness training workshop' for the long-term preservation of, what is deemed a nationally significant archival collection. This one-day workshop will provide an overview of disaster preparedness, response methods and recovery strategies. The training provided in this workshop will enable the APSC to subsequently prepare an effective Disaster Preparedness Plan that will ensure the safeguarding and preservation of the collection in the unlikely event of a disaster (although notably, parts of the collection has been subject to both fire and flood in past years). Furthermore, as Alphacrucis grows institutionally, this training is essential for our staff to undertake for matters of compliance and best practice.

The workshop will be run by Preservation Australia - a Sydney-based team of professionally trained conservators, who work with numerous private organisations and individuals to provide expert training, support and conservation work. The APSC has benefited greatly from our work with Preservation Australia so far, including Kay Soderlund's Care of Collections workshop and Preservation Needs Assessment in August 2017.

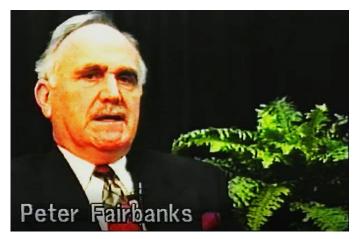
According to Dr Marie-Louise Ayres, the Director-General of the National Library, 60 out of 121 applications submitted nation-wide were successful. Accordingly, the APSC are very thankful for a successful outcome and for the generosity of the National Library. We anticipate that the funds will be put toward the workshop in the first half of next year. We encourage anyone who is interested in attending to get in touch with Ingrid (archivist) at apsc@ac.edu.au.

Review of 2018 and moving forward into 2019

The Australasian Pentecostal Studies Centre has seen steady progress in 2018 and looks forward to further developments in 2019 as it seeks to support and advance the vision of the College to become a Christian university. To this end, 2018 has seen some large developments, including the implementation of the collection's online catalogue in eHive – thus providing a public face to selected parts of our collection, in turn, facilitating the research pursuits of students, academics and the public. The staff at the APSC have been working hard to ensure the catalogue is populated with resources (that are out of copyright or for which we have permission to display publically), as quickly as possible such that the Collection is preserved digitally and accessible for students who reside interstate. Discretionary

measures are being taken to ensure that not all archives are publically accessible (as in the case of copyright limitations or in order to maintain the privacy of the donor).

The digitisation of our audio-visual material has also been re-vamped. Movavi software has been used to translate VHS format into MP4 file formats, including sermon recordings featuring David Cartledge, Marie Cartledge and Wayne Hughes, and footage of Peter Fairbanks promoting the presence of the AOG World Missions in the Ukraine. Video sermons and other AOG and mission-related audio-visual material will provide important content for future research in Australasian Pentecostal Studies. Although the material will not be accessible through the centre's online collection, each digitised video will be registered in the online catalogue as a reference to the physical holding.





Peter Fairbanks, "The Ukraine Story", June 1996.

Dr David Cartledge and Ps Wayne Hughes, "Revival Now!" Digitised October 25, 2018.

It has been a great privilege to have funds in the 2019 budget allocated to storage equipment for our archival collection. Our collection has outgrown the parameters of the archive room and the implementation of a new compactus unit along with a map plan cabinet will ensure that more of our collection can be accommodated. Extra shelving space will free up room to encourage the continued growth of and organisation of the collection. This process will also provide momentum for the assignment of more specific collection names and groupings within larger sections of the collection – a process that will facilitate research in more specific areas and accommodate the collection's growth in organisational terms.

The staff at the APSC look forward to another year of development in the collection, not only in size, but also in the growth of its profile as a central research centre of the College. This demands the continuation of its organisation, digital presence and accessibility, resources and research output. We welcome any interested donors to get in touch with our archivist at apsc@ac.edu.au. Additionally, please feel free to visit the centre if you would like to see the physical collection for yourself!