

MUKHANYO BIBLE SCHOOL CONSULTATION

SPEAKERS & WORKSHOP LEADERS

Rev Bruce Button (BSc [Maths, Physics], BSc (Hons) [Physics], HDipEd [Education], HonsBA [Greek], DipTh, MA (New Testament) worked as a teacher and then as a scientist before his theological training to answer God's call to full-time ministry. He pastored three churches from 1994 to 2006. Since 2007 he has served as the principal of Sovereign Grace Theological Seminary, a distance-learning institution ministering to students throughout southern Africa. His field of specialization is in New Testament studies. Bruce and his wife Vehlia have four daughters.



Prof Dr P. J. (Flip) Buys (BA, Th.B., Th.M., Th.D.) is the founder of Mukhanyo Theological College, Mukhanyo Community Development Centre and Mukhanyo Christian Academy. He is a minister of the Reformed Churches of South Africa (GKSA), and an experienced pastor, cross cultural missionary, church planter and theological educator. He presently serves as part-time professor at Northwest University and as Associate International Director of World Reformed Fellowship. He is married with two children and one grandchild.



Rev Phaphile Celesi (HDE, B.ED. hons), is currently working for NBI (responsible for promotion and translation of the course in African languages as well as training of facilitators). He worked for Radio Tygerberg as presenter and a programs' manager, and as part-time presenter at Radio Pulpit. He conducts trainings to Sunday school teachers of different churches and encourages churches to support children's ministry work. He is the author of two books about raising and teaching children. He and his wife, Mbasakazi, are blessed with two daughters and a boy.



Dr Brian A deVries (BBA, M.Div., Th.M., Ph.D.) is Principal and Lecturer at Mukhanyo Theological College. He is a minister of the Reformed Churches of South Africa (GKSA), sent as a missionary of the Heritage Reformed Congregations of North America (HRC-NA). Dr deVries has led two church plants in South Africa and also serves as adjunct professor at Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary in the United States. He and his wife, Lanae, have one daughter.



Rev Simon Gillham (BTh (hons), MA (Theo)) has been a lecturer and the Academic



Dean at Namibia Evangelical Theological College for the last five years. Before this he served as a church planter and pastor with the Anglican Church in Australia. He is currently working on a doctorate looking at the way Scripture should shape Theological Education. He is married to Margie and together they have two children, Madelon (16yrs) & Noah (14yrs).

Richard A Goodwin (BEd, MA Biblical Counseling, RTC) was a Secondary School teacher in England for 33 years, responsible for Religious Education, Philosophy and General Studies. He has 13 years of experience in the Senior Leadership Team responsible for Pastoral Care and Staff Professional Development. Since retiring, he has been a part-time sessional tutor for Canterbury Christ Church University in the postgraduate department of the faculty of education. He is the founding editor of the former magazine *The Christian Counsellor*, has had a long association with the work of L'Abri (Francis Schaeffer), and currently presents seminars around the world in Christian counseling.

Rev Deon Lombard (CTL., BTh., LTh.) is Vice Principal and Lecturer at Dumisani Theological Institute. He is a minister of the Baptist Union of Southern Africa (BU).



Deon hails from the construction industry where he initially served in his capacity as concrete technologist and later as operations manager. He has been a full time Pastor for 9 ½ years and has been lecturing at Dumisani for the past 5 ½ years. Deon is married to Shelley and has three daughters, two of whom are married.

Dr Samson Makhado (Ph.D. in Curriculum Development) is the African Director of the Association of Christian Schools International (ASCI). He served for 20 years in public



schools as teacher and principal, as principal at Tshikevha Christian School in Limpopo for 10 years, and then at ASCI since 1990. He also serves at the National Institute for Christian Studies in Australia, the University of Venda Science and Technology, and the University of Witwatersrand. He has given guest lectures at various colleges in the North America. He has served as chairperson of the Independent Schools in the Northern Province and as chairperson for the National Alliance of Independent

Schools in South Africa (NAISA). He currently serves on various board and councils related to Christian education. He was awarded the title “professional of the year” by Princeton Global Network in January and received an honorary doctorate from The Institute for Christian Studies in May 2012.

Dr Phillip Parsons (B.A. ; B.Ed., M.Ed., Ph.D. (Education); M.Tech) was Professor of Higher Education at the then Cape Technikon (now CPUT). He headed their Teaching



Development Unit for 18 years, presenting regular courses and conducting research into teaching and learning in higher education. He has been involved in teaching development initiatives at the Bible Institute, Cornerstone College and the Baptist College. He has been an elder and cell group leader in his local churches. He is married with two children.

Prof Thinandavha Derrick Mashau (Ph.D.) is the chair and professor of Missiology at the Faculty of Theology of the North-West University (Potch). He serves with the World Reformed Fellowship African Region, the International Association for the



Promotion of Christian Higher Education, the Centre for the Promotion of Christian Higher Education in Africa, the International Conference of Reformed Churches, and the Southern African Missiological Society. He is the author of several books and pastor of an urban church in Pretoria.

Dr Pete Smuts (BA.LLB., Dip.Theol., M.A.R., Ph.D.) joined the Faculty of the Bible Institute of South Africa in mid-1996. Since that time he has held a variety of academic and administrative positions at the college including Dean of Students,



Dean of Graduate Studies, Vice Principal, and Acting Principal. He teaches Hermeneutics, Homiletics and Biblical Greek, and has an interest in Biblical Theology. He has had a number of articles published in theological journals, and has recently authored a book on interpreting the Synoptic Gospels. Dr. Smuts is married to Dagmar, and they have a son and three daughters.

Mrs Henria Stolper (BA(Ed) Biblical Studies, Pedagogics & Mathematics) is Director and Lecturer of the Continuing Teacher Education programme at Mukhanyo



Theological College. She developed curricula for biblical studies and life orientation at the Reformed Secondary School Dirk Postma and served as principal at the same school. She helped to establish a new reformed teachers training college (AROS), wrote curricula and lectured in biblical studies and pedagogics. She and her husband have six children and two grandchildren.

Dr Alistair Wilson (PhD, Aberdeen) is Principal of Dumisani Theological Institute in King William's Town. A minister of the Free Church of Scotland, he has served in South Africa since 2005. Prior to joining Dumisani, he served in pastoral ministry for two years then taught New Testament at Highland Theological College for nine years. He is an Extraordinary Professor of North-West University Theology Faculty. Alistair and his wife have three children and one grandson.

