



Dear Friend,

Welcome to *TEC Connects*. Your monthly newsletter! You will find that it is filled with educational information, helpful hints and tips, events, news and even some product offerings. Our focus is *connection* and we want to bring value to your passion for Christian Education so please, please share your feedback and suggestions with us. Perhaps you have a great event, photo, story or quote you would like to share with us... please do send them in. We also love to hear your questions and comments, so stay in touch.

We hope you enjoy this month's *Connects*!

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## BURNOUT

# by Tina Lamont

As I sat in a lecture, listening or trying to stay focused, I was intrigued when the speaker declared that thousands of people leave Christian Ministry every month. They have not lost their love for Jesus or for His people. They are merely exhausted and cannot carry on. Now, this had me totally focused. I am very keen to learn more about mental health and wellbeing.



The speaker introduced a book he was reading, *Zeal without burnout*. So, I immediately went to Book Depository on my iPhone and ordered a copy. Why did I do that? Do I think that I need to read about this topic? Absolutely, for so many in ministry positions are working long hours and not taking real breaks. So, I decided I needed to take a study trip to New Zealand, do some writing, and get closer to God's creation. New Zealand is a beautiful place, especially *Hamner Springs* in the South Island.

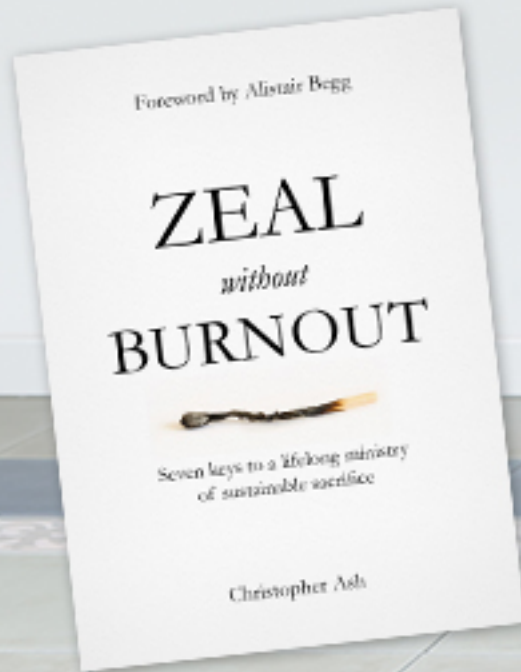
If you want to read more about **Burnout** then here is the Keyword search - Christopher Ash - *Zeal without burnout*. Ash proposes seven keys to sustainable ministry. It is a short book, available in hard copy and Kindle edition. Ash identifies that: we need sleep, we need Sabbaths, we need friends, and we need good food and we need spiritual food.

So let me encourage you, read a book, take a break, eat right, exercise and work less. (And, I am talking to myself here as well).

"There is always more we can do in ministry,  
but God is not asking 'Can you do more?'.  
He is asking 'Do you love me?'"

Some of those extras are not always  
as vital as we think them to be."

~ Christopher Ash, *Zeal Without Burnout*

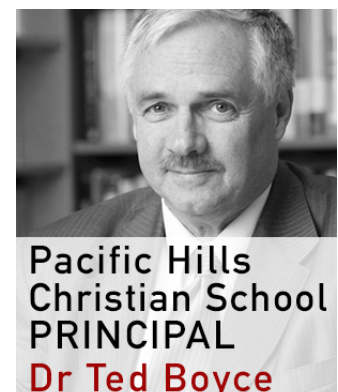


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## DEVELOPING BELIEFS AND VALUES IN CHILDREN:

### Biblical Insight from Dr E J Boyce

In Romans 12:2, we read the following words, *"Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – His good, pleasing and perfect will."* The J B Phillips' paraphrase of the verse begins with the words, "Do not let the world around you squeeze you into its own mould, but let God remake you so that your whole attitude of mind is changed." [READ MORE](#)



Pacific Hills  
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**Dr Ted Boyce**



# TEC NEWS

## TEC GAINS SELF-ACCREDITING REGISTRATION FOR STANDARD 6 (Proficient Level)

We are deeply pleased to be able to extend the service of TEC to its partner schools. The initial five courses that have been accredited have qualified us to be self-accrediting for Standard 6 ["Engage in Professional Learning"]. This means that for professional development courses that are focussed, for example, on 6.2.2. ["Participate in learning to update knowledge and practice targeted to professional needs and school and/or system priorities"], TEC can internally assess them for gaining NESAC accredited professional development hours, at the proficient level. We thank God for the opportunity to support our teachers in this way, particularly in the support of the high standard of conferences that are sometimes run by our partner schools.

## DAVID SMITH FROM CALVIN TO VISIT – SAVE THE DATE



TEC is honoured to bring you Dr David Smith, *Academic & Author*, from Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan. He will be leading a seminar on "Teaching and Christian Practices: *Reshaping Faith & Learning*." This will be held at Pacific Hills Christian School, 3.30 – 5.30 pm with afternoon tea included. We hope you will join us. RSVP to [READ MORE](#)

## HILLSONG CONFERENCE 2017: CLOSER



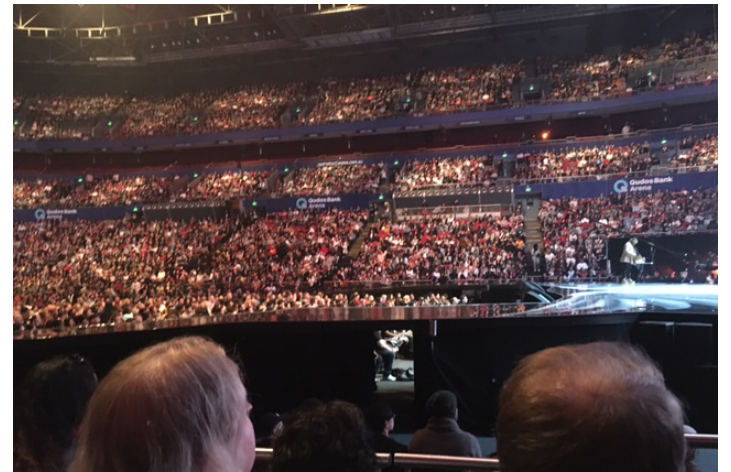
**Photo Top Left:** Brian Houston & "Kings and Queens"



**Photo Top Right:** "Church Life", with pastors from across Aust and NZ discussing the Holy Spirit in their churches.



**Photo Bottom Left:** Beth Moore



**Photo Bottom Right:** Hillsong Conference 2017

*"Your short arms are never an excuse for not having a very, very long reach".*

*~ Brian Houston, Kings and Queens, Day 1 Hillsong Conference*

*"Creativity isn't about aesthetics or what something looks like; its 'out of the box' thinking."*

*~ Jay Argeant, Communicator, Spheres Life, Day 1 Hillsong Conference*

*"We are called to infiltrate the world with the saving power of Jesus Christ and make disciples".*

*~ Beth More, Freedom is closer than you think, Day 2 Hillsong Conference*

*"Every field is God's; the world belongs to God".*

*~ Beth Moore, Day 2 Hillsong Conference*

*"You can make excuses or you can make progress but you cant make both".*

*~ Graig Groeshel, Leadership Hour, Day 2 Hillsong Conference*

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

MAY

JUNE

JULY

AUG

SEPT

OCT

NOV

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**11 - 12 August**

[Aspiring Leaders Retreat, Sydney](#)

**17 - 19 August**

Australian Christian Higher  
Education Alliance (ACHEA)  
Conference, Sydney

**23 August**

Schools Learning Together Seminar:  
Dr David Smith, Sydney

**25 - 26 August**

[Equipping Leaders Retreat, Sydney](#)

**25 October**

Schools Learning Together Seminar:  
Dr Don Roy, Sydney

**10 November**

Aspiring Leaders Retreat 1, Sydney

**17 - 18 November**

Mentor the Principals, Sydney

There is much happening in the life of TEC so keep a watch on our website



## CONNECT WITH TEC



**Blog posts by Dr Ted Boyce:**

[God's Revealed plan in Human Relationships](#)

[How to Exercise authority Wisely](#)

[Being Careful in What We Say](#)

[Three Great Surprises](#)

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