

Professional and Academic References for Rev. Assoc. Professor Graham Joseph Hill

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11 September 2020

RE: Graham Joseph Hill, Promotion to Associate Professor, University of Divinity, Melbourne, VIC

To Whom It May Concern:

I am delighted to write a letter of recommendation for Dr. Graham Hill to be included with his application for promotion for University Associate Professor. Although I can readily attest to his great collegiality in our shared work in the administration of a doctor of ministry program between our two institutions, I want to particularly speak to his contributions to scholarship in international circles.

Indeed, Graham's work, *Global Church*, was the first that came to my attention in 2016. Then, with my own interests in missional ecclesiology, I found the first volume of *Salt, Light and a City* to be a remarkable resource for seminary students. Since then I have followed his work with interest, and have used his material in courses I teach. Thus, it was a distinct pleasure to be brought into closer contact with Graham when he came to be the Director of Research (and now interim Principal) at Stirling.

His research on missional theology, missiology, congregational renewal, and in empowering marginalized voices to be heard contributes to conversations not merely in Australia but in seminaries, graduate schools, and churches globally. Because of Graham's work, the Graduate School of Theology at Abilene Christian University was delighted to extend an invitation to Graham to teach as an adjunct faculty in our Doctor of Ministry program. Our faculty voted unanimously for the invitation and we are delighted for his partnership in our pedagogical endeavors.

Without reservation, I highly commend Dr. Hill as demonstrating significant contributions to scholarship worldwide.

Sincerely,

Dr. Carson E. Reed

Associate Professor in the Frazier Chair for Church Enrichment, GST
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Executive Director, Siburt Institute for Church Ministry
Vice President, Church Relations



September 11, 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to write this letter in support of Graham Hill's application for promotion to Associate Professor at the University of Divinity. I first met Dr. Hill when I was invited to be a resource person for the faculty of Stirling College and a guest lecturer for both Stirling College and Whitley College for DP9034S: Human Research Methodologies. It was my honor to work alongside such an esteemed colleague.

Dr. Hill's research and writing influences my own second edition of *Qualitative Research* forthcoming in 2021. His *Global Church* is assisting me to rethink my understanding of contextual theology. His *Salt, Light, and a City* is a key addition to the field of ecclesiology. As a practical theologian, I am referring students to these resources. Furthermore, I revised my lecture notes on practices by including a section from his book *Healing Our Broken Humanity: Practices for Revitalizing the Church and Renewing the World*.

Additionally, Dr. Hill was invited to be an adjunct faculty member for Abilene Christian University's Doctor of Ministry program. The faculty unanimously approved his appointment on September 9, 2020. His appointment will fill a gap in our curriculum, bring a global perspective to our program, and benefit our students as they meet the program's student learning outcomes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Tim Sensing'.

Tim Sensing
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Activate Missions Conference
*Inspiring, challenging and mobilising
young adults toward missions*

Monday, 14 September 2020

Re: Reference for Graham Hill Application for Associate Professor of the University of Divinity

To whom it may concern;

In 2019 the Activate Mission Conference Team invited Rev Dr Graham Joseph Hill to be our keynote speaker for our Victorian State Missions Conference held in May 2020. The Activate missions conference is an annual event connected with *Missions Interlink* and stands alongside *Reachout* in NSW and *Mission Matters* in Qld's as state conferences focused on global mission. Rev Dr Hill was asked and delivered two keynote addresses under this year's theme of "In his Name."

The invitation was extended to Rev Dr Hill because of his extensive work, in our mind, in engaging and sharing the voice of majority world believers along with the implications for mission, particularly in understanding the nature of justice, ecclesiology and missiology. In the context of the seismic shift in global missions which is seeing more people mobilised from the majority world than from the 'West' and with the growing catch cry of, 'from everywhere to everywhere,' Graham's research and voice stands at the cutting edge of practice and missiological understanding.

It was a pleasure to have Rev Dr Hill share as our Keynote speaker. He presented in a clear and thoroughly well researched and biblically based manner. We would warmly recommend him to others.

We warmly offer this reference in support of his application for Associate Professor of the University of Divinity. If you would like to discuss further, please contact Rev. Wayne Forward on 0427 538 054

On behalf of the Activate Mission team,

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Rev Wayne Forward
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To UNIVERSITY OF DIVINITY

Re Dr Graham Hill

It is my pleasure to write the following reference in relation to Dr Graham Hill.

Dr Hill first came to my attention when Harvest Bible College invited him to be the keynote speaker for our annual research conference in 2015. This invitation was based on his reputation as a speaker and researcher in contemporary Christianity and missional thinking generally, two key priorities for Harvest. We were impressed with the depth and breadth of his two keynote addresses on “Church and Ministry: Contemporary Australian Missional Voices and Expressions” and “Church and Ministry: Training and Equipping Contemporary Australian Missional Voices and Expressions.”

Since then I have become acquainted with Dr Hill’s published work which is also impressive. His two-volume work *Salt, Light and a City* is justly regarded as a leading work in the field of missional theology. The earlier work *Global Church* is also a significant contribution to the study of global theology and world Christianity. In my opinion, Dr Hill is one of world-leading theologians in these fields and deserves to be promoted to Associate Professor in the University of Divinity.

(Associate Professor) Jon K. Newton
Alphacrucis College Melbourne

14 September 2020

To Whom It May Concern

I am pleased to write this reference for Graham Hill to accompany his application for promotion to Associate Professor of the University of Divinity (Australia).

Bible Society Australia is Australia's longest-lived organisation and has a privileged place of trust in the Australian and indeed international, Christian community.

We have been pleased to partner with Graham over a number of years in a variety of capacities.

In particular, Graham was invited to be a key-note speaker at our inaugural Summit, held at the end of our Bicentennial year, as we sought the leading of the Holy Spirit and led a conversation within the Australian church, as to our best to serve the Christian community in a changing environment. Graham's credentials and scholarship as a national and international writer, researcher and speaker, made him a very valuable addition to this Summit. As an international Christian organisation, we particularly appreciate Graham's commitment to and insights into the global church, and it's implications for our growing multicultural church in Australia.

Using his extensive academic and popular research, Graham contributes regularly to Eternity News (which is owned by Bible Society Australia) on evangelicalism, politics, and world Christianity.

Our association is a pleasure, and a considerable benefit to Bible Society Australia's work and mission.

Yours faithfully.

Reverend Melissa Lipsett
Chief Operating Officer

15th September 2020

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Dr Graham Hill

I am writing in support of the application of Dr Graham Hill, Principal of Stirling College, for promotion to the rank of Associate Professor of the University of Divinity (Australia).

Dr Hill's work on the Global Church represents a unique contribution to scholarship and to ecclesial and missional practice. Through his writing, the extensive library of interviews gathered for the Global Church project, and his teaching, speaking and advocacy Dr Hill has introduced scores of Majority World Christian thinkers and leaders to academic and church audiences in Western contexts, catalyzing collaboration and enriching the global Christian conversation. Dr Hill's books and other outputs have highlighted the contributions of women to Christian thinking and practice. It is difficult to quantify the effect of Dr Hill's work over the past decade, but I am convinced that it has been a significant factor in bringing about greater ethnic and gender diversity in academic collaborations, conference panels, etc.

I first met Dr Hill some years ago at an international conference and, both then and on several occasions since, particularly in Asia and the Pacific, I have observed the range and quality of his interactions and the respect he has earned among Christian academics and mission and community leaders. The fuller global Christian conversation that Dr Hill has resourced, along with his work on contemporary urban mission, is of great value as the Church re-imagines her life and mission in a postcolonial, globalized environment.

Having made use of his books and the Global Church Project in our Bachelor of Applied Theology programme, Carey Baptist College was eager to invite Dr Hill to speak to our students. This he was able to do in March 2018, giving a well-received presentation on "The Global Church" as part of a course on *Church and Mission in Multicultural Contexts*.

I shall be glad to be contacted should you wish to discuss this further.

Respectfully,

George Wieland

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To whom it may concern,

Reference for Rev Dr Graham Joseph Hill

Christians for Biblical Equality (CBE) Perth is a chapter of CBE International, a non-profit organisation which promotes biblical justice and community by educating Christians that the Bible calls women and men to share authority equally in service and leadership in the home, church and world.

CBE Perth invited Rev Dr Graham Joseph Hill to speak on the topic of biblical egalitarianism in September 2020. Our organisation highly regards Rev Hill's writing and research work – which is of international standing – and his ability to communicate and educate on theological concepts in clear and practical ways. Dr Hill's work in the areas of justice, gender and the global church across cultural divides aligns closely with our organisation's mission, and his reputation as an outstanding Australian scholar and leader in this field is, we have noted, earning him a strong reputation as a valued voice among egalitarian communities here and abroad. In particular, we note the practical and pastoral value of this work in a field which has a need for such irenic voices.

We are grateful for Dr Hill's contribution to the work of the global church in terms of scholarship and education, and thank him for his time speaking at our event.

Yours sincerely,

Bronwen Speedie CBE Perth Chapter Coordinator
Elizabeth Devlin CBE Perth Secretary

16 September 2020

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To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing regarding Dr Graham Hill's application for promotion to Associate Professor of the University of Divinity (Australia).

Compassion Australia invited Dr Hill to present at their annual seminar for pastors and ministry leaders held in Perth, Western Australia. The 2019 seminar was entitled 'Keys from the Global Church.' Dr Hill spoke to Compassion Australia's staff during their weekly devotions in late 2018, and the staff in the West Area team were impressed by Dr Hill's presentation. Each year we invite a keynote speaker and we thought Dr Hill would be an excellent candidate, as he was able to bring not only a national, but also an international perspective due to his extensive research and networking with practitioners and academics across the world. We were delighted when he accepted our offer. The purpose of the seminar is to give back to the local church in a way that equips pastors in their ministries and leadership. Dr Hill spoke at the full day seminar on Thursday 6 June 2019.

The West Team invited Dr Hill to speak because we recognised the exceptional quality of his work and research as evidenced in the Global Church Project. We felt that Dr Hill sharing lessons from churches in the majority world, focusing on the areas of discipleship, community and mission would be of benefit to pastors and leaders in WA. We had a very positive impression of his writing and research on learning from the global church, the marginalised, indigenous voices, servant leadership and hospitality.

We received great feedback from our participant survey regarding Dr Hill's presentations. They were described as "high quality," "meaty and practical," "challenging," "quality content" and "edifying and practical." In response to the question "What did you most enjoy about the event?" one attendee answered: "Graham's presentations: Great passion for Christ's mission, educational, rooted in the Word, and very encouraging and convicting."

Please be in touch if you have any further queries.

Kind regards,



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Relationship Facilitator – West
Compassion Australia



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Reference for Rev Dr Graham Joseph Hill

15 September 2020

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Jill Healey and I have been seconded by Christian Schools Australia to establish the Leadership Development portfolio which is the fifth pillar of CSA's organisational architecture. It is our belief that if we are to retain and strengthen our Christian distinctive as schools, we must be intentional and explicit about the elements we believe are core to Christian education. Leadership in Christian education is a vital ministry to the next generation of young people.

It is in this context that I became aware of Dr Hill's research and writing through LinkedIn. I purchased his book, *Holding Up Half the Sky – A Biblical Case for Women Leading and Teaching in the Church* and immediately recognised the relevance, currency and importance of Dr Hill's research and analysis to the future of leadership development in Christian education.

The third pillar of CSA's architecture is 'Biblical Literacy' and the call to train up staff and students to understand the importance of being shaped by the Word of God. To know how the Bible applies to life, to serve and to be shaped in Christ's likeness. Dr Hill's work provides an authentic framework for repositioning the culture within our Christian school communities and is a genuine exploration of practical ways to release and empower women in ministry.

I invited Dr Hill to participate in an online National CSA FLAME Network event involving over 150 female leaders in Christian education across Australia, centred around the Theme: *A Christian and Biblical Perspective of Women in Leadership*. FLAME is an acronym for Female Leaders and Managers in Christian Education. His valuable and informed presentation provided a new perspective on this complex and often overheated issue. His contribution was well received, eliciting affirming comments and searching questions in the chat facility of zoom.

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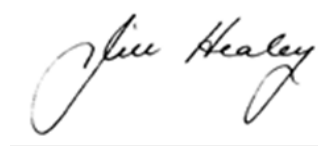
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CSA has promoted Dr Hill's book, 'Holding Up Half the Sky' to its 7,000+ online contacts, including international connections with ACSI (Association of Christian Schools International). We believe that this text provides a sound biblical case for amplifying the voices and honouring the gifts of women in leadership. Dr Hill was invited a second time to present a biblical case for women leading and teaching, as a strategic component of a new CSA Leadership Development course, entitled: Aspire – Navigating the Path of Female Leadership.

Together with many of my CSA colleagues, we found Dr Hill's writing and research to be compelling and inspirational in its biblical vision for women to be the leaders that God has called them to be.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jill Healey". The signature is written in black ink on a white background. The first name "Jill" is written with a large, flowing 'J' that loops around the first part of the last name. The last name "Healey" is written in a more compact, cursive style. The signature is enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

Jill Healey

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9 September 2020

Letter of Recommendation for Graham Joseph Hill

To Whom it May Concern:

I have known Dr. Graham Joseph Hill for the past 10 years. His research focuses on global Christianity and he is well-known around the world for his scholarship. Dr. Hill has been particularly successful in bringing collaborators together, giving voice to those who are not normally heard in academic spaces.

Dr. Hill is well-known in the field of global Christianity, especially for his book *Global Church* and the associated Global Church Project. In 2017 I required Dr. Hill's book in my course "The Rise of Global Christianity" taught at Boston University School of Theology that included both Master and Doctoral level students. We brought Dr. Hill into our classroom via Zoom and interacted with him on the contents of his book. Dr. Hill demonstrated a breadth of knowledge on global Christianity as well as Christianity in Australia while offering many helpful examples from his own experience.

Dr. Hill visited the Center for the Study of Global Christianity and very much valued our perspective on demographics, stressing their importance to understanding the state of global Christianity. The Global Church Project continues to be an invaluable resource for teaching World Christianity. The blog posts are relevant to current events from a Christian perspective and the videos help bring World Christianity studies into the digital realm, which was largely absent from the discipline until Dr. Hill's pioneering work. My colleagues and I are deeply grateful to him for his work on highlighting indigenous voices from around the world. We also deeply appreciate his efforts to include younger scholars in his work.

I invited Dr. Hill to join the Editorial Board for *Christianity in Oceania*, volume 5 in our ten-volume *Edinburgh Companions to Global Christianity* series. Dr. Hill assisted us in finding indigenous authors for some of the 35 essays in the volume. In addition, he contributed an excellent essay on Protestants in Oceania. This volume will be published in early 2021.

In conclusion, I highly recommend Dr. Hill for advancement. He has made a series of unique and essential contributions to the field of mission studies and World/Global Christianity.

Sincerely,

Todd M. Johnson, Ph.D.

Eva B. and Paul E. Toms Distinguished Professor of Mission and Global Christianity
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September 12, 2020

Reference for Graham Hill

The University of Divinity

To whom it may concern,

I have known Dr. Graham Hill for 4 years and am very happy to recommend him for the position of Associate Professor of the University of Divinity.

Firstly, Graham has a deep love for Jesus Christ and a contagious confidence in the power of his gospel. He has a prayerful dependence upon Heavenly Father and looks to him unswervingly for his guidance and direction as a theologian and missiologist. I have talked to him a lot and joined his lectures and classes as a colleague and found that he is a man of God following the heart of Jesus.

Secondly, Graham is a keen minded scholar. I acknowledge him very high as a researcher, theological author, and Christian educator. His research activities were superb. He published 7 books between 2012 and 2020 and among them, several books were being used as textbooks in many theological institutions in USA. His research on "the Global Church Project" motivated many individuals and congregations and impacted many mission agencies and missionaries in global level. The Korea Baptist Theological University and Seminary invited him to be a visiting scholar in 2019 because of my university's high regard for his writings and research to international scholarship. I am convinced that Dr. Graham's research works are assessed very high in international standing.

I recommend Dr. Graham Hill to your school without any reservation. I will be happy to answer you if you have any further questions.

Timothy H. Lee, Ph.D.

Professor of Missions

Korea Baptist Theological Seminary

Chair of Mission Committee

Asia Pacific Baptist Federation

September 7, 2020

Dear Promotion Committee at the University of Divinity:

I strongly recommend Rev. Dr. Graham Joseph Hill to be promoted to Associate Professor of the University of Divinity.

Rev. Dr. Graham Joseph Hill is one of the most important scholars, professors and writers in the area of Applied Theology and Missiology. His teaching, administrative positions, writings, speaking and preaching all attest to how much respect he has received locally and globally. He spent three months in South Korea during his sabbatical and during that time he was an frequent speaker at seminaries, conferences and churches. He has also given lectures at various conferences around the world as he is recognized as a leading voice in theology and missiology.

I first came to know Dr. Hill through his founding of very important, "The Global Church Project". This is a valuable project which produces hundreds of video interviews of leading scholars and church leaders from around the world. His project is used internationally by professors, scholars and pastors.

Dr. Hill is a prolific writer and has written or edited 10 books. I co-authored *Healing Our Broken Humanity* (IVP) which is used by professors, students and those in the church. He was a wonderful scholar to co-write with as he is deeply knowledgeable about racism, reconciliation, church, lament and power. We are presently co-writing another book on Intercultural Church and Ministry which is under contract with Cascade.

I have no hesitation in recommending Dr. Hill to be promoted to Associate Professor as he has surpassed all the necessary requirements for promotion. If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Sincerely,

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Grace Ji-Sun Kim, Ph.D.
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8 September 20

To Whom It May Concern:

Dr Graham Hill is a valued international colleague of Laidlaw College in Aotearoa New Zealand. In March 2018 we were privileged to have him speak out of his research expertise at public lectures on both our Henderson and Christchurch campuses. His lecture, *Lessons from the global church: Renewing mission, community & discipleship*, continues to inform and educate Laidlaw students, staff and stakeholders via our website engagingly and relevantly. His lecture forms part of a wider body of recent Laidlaw public lectures concerning theology and intercultural studies with other international experts in this area.

Dr Hill's published work continues to resource Laidlaw students and researchers in our Theology programmes, particularly in the areas of practical and missional theology. His critical and collaborative work recognising and supporting the voices of women, those from the Global South, and others on the margins of church and society is timely, well-researched, and a significant contribution to essential conversations in Australasia and the wider international theological sector.

We have no hesitation in recommending Dr Hill to you and supporting his application for promotion for academic advancement at the University of Divinity. Laidlaw College values Dr Hill's ongoing collegial relationship with us and wishes him every success with this application and his continuing academic career.

Yours sincerely,



Dr Stephen Garner

Academic Dean

Reference for Rev Dr Graham Joseph Hill

Interim Principal

Stirling Theological College (University of Divinity)

16.7.2020

As the Missions Director (2011-2020) of our Open Brethren churches (180) in New Zealand I had been reading Dr Graham Hill's book 'Global Church' and exploring his website and ongoing research located on theglobalchurchproject.com.

His insights and research are very relevant to the conversations we as mission and church leaders are having.

We decided to invite Graham to speak in March 2018 across events in New Zealand because of our organisation's high regard for the contribution of Graham Hill's writing and research to national and international scholarship and church life (learning from the global church).

The conversations and interest generated on his visit was extraordinarily helpful. There has been ongoing interest and use of Dr Graham Hill's academic and scholarly work since his visit.

Graham's scholarly work gives voice to what we in the West need to hear from the majority world, both in the world of academia and in church and mission.



Russell Thorp, MTh
Executive Director
LeaDev-Langham

September 7, 2020

Lipscomb University
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University of Divinity
RE: Dr. Graham Joseph Hill's application for promotion

Esteemed Colleagues:

We were blessed to have Dr. Graham Hill visit our university and school of theology on May 12, 2015. Dr. Hill was invited to speak to our theology faculty because of his international renown in missional theology and his outstanding scholarship demonstrated through his many publications.

In particular, Dr. Hill's published work *Salt, Light, and a City* (Wipf & Stock: 2012) is used in several of our graduate and undergraduate courses. His continued involvement in giving voice to the church, particularly the global south, presented us with a wonderful opportunity to benefit from his research.

Our time together was deeply rewarding. Dr. Hill's ability to communicate, his scholarly research, his own vibrant faith commitment, and his heart for the global church was both apparent and compelling.

We highly recommend Dr. Graham Hill in his possible promotion to Associate Professor of the University of Divinity.

Sincerely,

Dr. Leonard Allen
Dean

Reference for Graham Joseph Hill

Graham Joseph Hill is one of the finest missional scholars in the world, and the only one dedicated to making the work of the Global South (Majority World) known to the West, and also one of the only ones who describes the work of others with meticulous care and fairness.

When I think of world theologians today I think of Graham -- and I don't say that lightly. Yes, there are more famous scholars but there are none doing his admirable and noble work of mediating the voices of those who have been silenced by not being in the places of power. The work he has done, too, with defending women in ministry is singularly clear and effective, and my own students have found this new book of his most helpful.

If I could invite one person to my school to be a professor of missional theology, it would be Graham Joseph Hill. No rivals for me.

Rev. Canon Dr. Scot McKnight+

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17th September 2020

To whom it may concern

This is to acknowledge and affirm Graham Hill's contribution to scholarly and academic excellence in our sphere of work and influence in theology and praxis around the world. We partner with Graham in various initiatives, and have done for many years, including the Global Church Project.

Micah Global invited Graham Hill to edit the new book to come out of the 7th Global Consultation in the Philippines in 2018, which is focused on Integral Mission and whose contributors come from around the globe. We asked if Graham would take this up challenge and enormous task as we hold Graham's work and contribution to national and international scholarship in high regard. We value Graham's work deeply, his theology and ideology, how he draws this out and expresses it on various platforms, as well as how he collaborates with people from many different parts of the world to do this.

Graham's contribution, from editing to writing and researching, is greatly valued by Micah Global and our members.

We are grateful for his servant-hearted, thorough, collaborative, and relevant contribution to the communal knowledge pool of academia, and particular, his learning from the global church and missiology.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require further information.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "L Martindale". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a horizontal line drawn underneath the name.

Linda Martindale



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September 14, 2020

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To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to highly recommend Rev. Dr. Graham Joseph Hill for the position of Associate Professor with the University of Divinity.

Missio Alliance has had the privilege of being in partnership with Dr. Hill and the Global Church Project from 2015 to present. The excellence of his scholarship along with the relevance of his work in global missiology have made him a tremendously valued partner. Missio Alliance has relied on his leadership as a respected researcher in majority world Christianity, bringing the voices of the global church to the church in North America.

As an organization, Missio Alliance envisions a church reimagined for a world recreated. Crucial to accomplishing this vision is quality research and writing from missiologists that help inform theological practitioners and pastors in our context. Dr. Hill's work is among the most highly regarded work from leading thinkers and academics outside the North American context. His contributions to global missiology are significant and substantial.

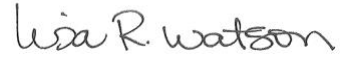
Among the most valuable resources to the Missio Alliance community are his books that align with our values for comprehensive mutuality, hopeful witness and church in mission. Comprehensive mutuality entails advancing the partnered voice and leadership of women and men among the beautiful diversity of the body of Christ across the lines of race, culture and theological heritage. Dr. Hill's book *Holding Up Half the Sky* is an outstanding resource that makes a compelling biblical case for women leading and teaching in the church. I have personally endorsed this book because of its exceptional handling of what has historically been a delicate topic within the church.

Our second value for hopeful witness entails advancing a way of being the people of God in the world that reflects an unwavering and joyful hope in the lordship of Christ in the church and over all things. Dr. Hill and Dr. Kim's book *Healing our Broken Humanity* provides the global church an unparalleled resource for hope in the church through embodying practices that lead to renewal.

Finally, our value for church in mission entails advancing a vision of the local church in which our identity and the power of our testimony is found and expressed through our active participation in God's mission in the world. The *Salt, Light and a City* book series as well as *Global Church* provide invaluable scholarship with actionable practices that can be applied nationally and internationally.

In closing, Dr. Hill's excellence as a global scholar is paramount to the reason for our ongoing partnership with him and the Global Church Project. We are proud to have extended an invitation for him to speak, and we look forward to such time when he is able to do so. I offer my strongest recommendation for your consideration of his advancement to the position of Associate Professor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa R. Watson".

Lisa R. Watson

National Director, Missio Alliance



Our Daily Bread
Ministries™

September 14, 2020

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of the President

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To Whom It May Concern:

Around 2017 I became familiar with the work of Dr. Graham Hill and the Global Church Project. I read his book *GlobalChurch* and a number of his articles, as well as viewed some of his interviews and presentations. His research was of particular interest to me as we have an international ministry serving a vast breadth of global audiences. The exposure he provided to a number of important Christian global leaders and all the work he did to share the varied biblical expressions of the Global Church helped me greatly.

Therefore, as I was working with our Global Board of Directors to develop a strategic mindset for world ministry, I invited Dr. Graham Hill to speak on the topic of *Learning from the Global Church* at our board meeting on October 2, 2018. Dr. Hill's writing and research contribution to national and international scholarship is an area our Board was wishing to learn more about. We all benefited from our discussion with Dr. Hill around the dramatic shift in the distribution of Christian believers in Africa, Asia, North America, Latin America, Europe and Oceania, and what Western Christians need to learn from and appreciate about the Global Church.

What we learned then was beneficial and continues to be relevant two years later. Our team members and board members have valued the thinking and perspective that Dr. Hill has developed and expressed in his work and the time spent with us. I want to convey to you my highest regard for the work he has diligently pursued and developed over many years.

Sincerely,

Rick DeHaan
President

21 September 2020

To Whom It May Concern,

It is with pleasure that I offer a strong endorsement for Rev Dr Graham Joseph Hill's application to the rank of Associate Professor of the University of Divinity.

I have known Rev Dr Hill for about 10 years and have benefitted from his in-depth research and scholarship to the fields of theology, ecclesiology and world Christianity. His research and outstanding contributions are cutting-edge and his work has helped initiate conversations and debates in academic circles that have for too long been stagnant and insular.

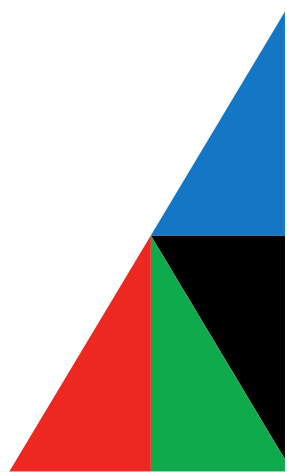
His book *Global Church* (2016) is an important reference work in various universities and post-graduate courses around the world. That book and many of his other academic works have also been used by theological committees and commissions of global organisations such as the World Evangelical Alliance (WEA) and the Global Christian Forum (GCF). As a member of both of these organisations and as Executive Director of the Theological Commission for the WEA, I can assert without a doubt that Rev Dr Hill is considered a world-class scholar and is a person of integrity and great discipline.

His outstanding contributions to global scholarship, his character and his future scholarly projects make him an ideal candidate for Associate Professor.

Kind regards,



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14 Sep '20

Rev Dr Graham Hill

Due to being a nationally recognised Christian leader in the church, Graham was invited to speak at 'Time to Listen' (23/05/18). This was an event I instigated in Sydney that drew people from interstate and across all denominations. It also gained national media attention. We needed a voice like Graham's to inform, equip, and bring healing based on his extensive research, writing, and teaching.

As the current Chair of the national justice organisation, Common Grace, I am aware of, and regularly refer to the national impact brought through Graham's writing and research. I am also aware (as the immediate past President of Christians For Biblical Equality - Sydney Chapter) of how highly Graham's scholarship is held and valued within the international community. Graham's commitment to learn from the global church and listen carefully to vulnerable peoples allows him to write with depth of heart and knowledge.

Having known Graham for over a decade and been fortunate to have had him for Masters supervision, I know that Graham has the character to match the depth of his scholarship. This is a rare and valued gift for both the academy and the church.

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September 15, 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is confirm that TTGU has invited Dr. Graham Hill to speak on “Church Planting in the Majority World” in April 2019 because of our high regard for his work and research in these areas.

His lecture was very well received, it displayed depth on this subject, and the students enjoyed asking questions and engaging with the speaker.

I strongly recommend Graham Hill for promotion as he is a world authority on church related issues in the majority world. This is obvious from his work and broad knowledge of this subject.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cristian G. Rata', with a stylized, cursive script.

Cristian G. Rata



26 November 2020

Revd Dr Graham Hill
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Dear Graham,

I am writing to thank you for your contribution as a member of the Research Committee, which will be discontinued in its current form at the end of 2020.

The University is deeply grateful for the Research Committee's work in driving increased research output and refining processes around research training and strategy, as well as enabling the success of HDR and minor thesis candidates and assisting staff members to improve the quality of their own research. This has been instrumental to upholding the reputation and standing of the University of Divinity as a provider of quality theological research and education.

On behalf of the Academic Board, our researchers, staff and research students, I thank you for the time and expertise you have contributed in this role. We look forward to your continued involvement in research governance at the University under the new structure to be implemented in 2021.

Yours sincerely,

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To Whom It May Concern

I would like to take this opportunity to highly recommend Rev Dr Graham Joseph Hill for the position of associate professor at the University of Divinity (Australia). As he has held the distinction of academic leadership and faculty roles at Morling College and Stirling Theological College for many years, I strongly believe that Rev Dr Hill is fully qualified to be promoted to the position of associate professor and I urge you to award him this title and the responsibilities and benefits that go along with it.

Rev Dr Hill has conducted fascinating research over the years, particularly in the area of missional spirituality and leadership, global theology and World Christianity. His numerous researches on the topics above have made a significant impact on the theories and the practices of global missions and his publications have been widely used as textbooks in many institutions here in Australia, UK, US, South Korea and many parts of the world.

As perceived the significant impact of his works, our organisation WEC International Mission Mobilisation invited Rev Dr Hill to speak on "Learning from the Global Church" in Seoul, South Korea, on 16 March 2019, because of our organisation's high regard for his writing and research to contribution to international scholarship (learning from the global church and missiology) particularly the leaders from the Majority World. As a result, the leaders from the Majority World were greatly benefited from Rev Dr Hill's fabulous scholarly contribution.

It is my great honour and privilege to recommend Rev Dr Graham Joseph Hill for the position of associate professor at the University of Divinity (Australia). I am easily accessible should you wish to further discuss and please contact me on +82 10 9156 7519 or via email at cpsyoon@naver.com.

Respectfully Submitted,

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