

DOCTOR OF THEOLOGY *HONORIS CAUSA*

- (1) There shall be the following doctoral degree *honoris causa*
Doctor of Theology *Honoris Causa* (HonThD)
- (2) The degree referred to in sub-Rule (1) of this rule may be conferred by the Council on a candidate who has complied with the requirements of these rules.
- (3) In these rules the Honorary Degree Committee means the Committee of the Council constituted under sub-Rule (5) of these rules.
- (4) A proposal for the conferring of the degree upon a person shall
 - (a) be made in writing, signed by no fewer than two members of the Council, marked “confidential” and directed to the President of the College;
 - (b) contain such information as the nominators consider appropriate, with particular reference to the relevant qualification referred to in sub-Rule 6 below.
- (5) On the receipt of a proposal made in accordance with sub-Rule 4 of this rule, the President shall, at the first available opportunity, request the Council to appoint no fewer than three persons as an Honorary Degree Committee to consider and make recommendations to the Council in relation to the proposal.
- (6) Without limiting its absolute discretion in its investigation of any proposal, an Honorary Degree Committee may take into account some or all of the following qualifications in determining what recommendation to make to the Council in relation to a proposal to confer the HonThD upon a person:
 - (a) contribution to theological learning;
 - (b) services to theological education;
 - (c) services to the Church;
 - (d) services to the general community.
- (7) Normally, it will be expected that some part of this contribution will be related to the work of the College.
- (8) A recommendation to confer the degree shall be made only if the Committee is satisfied, overall, that the person proposed merits honouring for outstanding achievement or for the exceptional quality of his or her work, and that the College is an appropriate institution to mark that achievement or quality.
- (9) If an Honorary Degree Committee recommends to the Council that the degree of HonThD be conferred upon a person, then the Council may, at its absolute discretion, resolve that the degree be so conferred.