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of DIVINITY

## **Regulation 11 (Doctor of Sacred Theology (*honoris causa*) (STD[hon]))**

- 1 MCD University of Divinity has established the degree of Doctor of Sacred Theology (*honoris causa*).
- 2 When it is deemed desirable to do so, the Council may appoint an Honorary Doctorates Committee consisting of the Chancellor, Vice Chancellor, the Chairperson of Academic Board, and one member of the Council appointed by the Council. Where for any reason a member of the committee is unable to act, Council may appoint a replacement member. The provisions of Regulation 1 do not apply to this committee.
- 3 A proposal for the conferring of the degree upon a person must be made in writing, signed by no fewer than two members of the Council, marked 'Confidential' and directed to the Chancellor. It must contain such information in support of the proposal as the proposers consider appropriate, with particular reference to such of the qualifications adverted to in Section 5 below as would appear to be relevant.
- 4 Upon receipt of a proposal made in accordance with clause 3, the Chancellor must, at the first available opportunity, request the Honorary Doctorates Committee to consider and make recommendations to the Council in relation to the proposal.
- 5 Without limiting its absolute discretion in its investigation of the proposal, the 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 degree upon a person:
  - a) contribution to theological learning;
  - b) services to theological education;
  - c) services to the Church;
  - d) services to the general community.
- 6 A recommendation to confer the degree must only be made if the Committee is satisfied, overall, that the person proposed merits honouring for outstanding achievement or for the exceptional quality of his or her life and work, and that this is an appropriate institution to mark that achievement or quality by the award of this degree *honoris causa*.
- 7 If the Committee recommends to the Council that the degree be conferred upon a person, then the Council may, at its absolute discretion, resolve that the degree be so conferred. A person on whom the degree is conferred is entitled to use the abbreviation STD(hon) as a suffix to their name.