

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

- 1      The Melbourne College of Divinity has established and prescribed the degree of Doctor of Sacred Theology (*honoris causa*) to be abbreviated as STD(hon).
- 2      The Council must appoint an Honorary Doctorates Committee consisting of the President, Dean, the Chairperson of Academic Board, and one member of the Council appointed by the Council. Where for any reason an exofficio member of the committee is unable to act, Council may appoint a replacement member. The Council must appoint an Honorary Doctorates Committee consisting of the President, Dean and one member of the Council appointed by the Council.
3.      A proposal for the conferring of the degree of STD(hon) upon a person shall be made in writing, signed by no fewer than two members of the Council, marked 'Confidential' and directed to the President of the College. It shall 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 Section 3, the President shall, at the first available opportunity, request the Honorary Doctorate Committee to consider and make recommendations to the Council in relation to the proposal or proposals.
- 5      Without limiting its absolute discretion in its investigation of the proposal or proposals, 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 STD(hon) 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 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 life and work, and that the College is an appropriate institution to mark that achievement or quality by the award of a degree *honoris causa*.
- 7      If the Committee recommends to the Council that the degree of STD(hon) be conferred upon a person, then the Council may, at its absolute discretion, resolve that the degree be so conferred.

*[revised following 2005 revision of the Act, November 30<sup>th</sup> 2005,  
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