

2017 — 2018

Ministry Report



God's heavenly city
renews the cities of men.

Peter J. Leithart

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Dear friend of Theopolis,

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

2017-2018 was a year of achievement and transition at Theopolis.

Much remains unchanged.

We're committed to the Theopolitan vision: Thoroughly biblical and catholic churches, whose vibrant worship empowers mission. God's heavenly city renews the cities of men.

We aren't the church. We're like scaffolding on a cathedral, offering teaching, tools, and networks to build up the broken body of Christ to be a transformative power in the world.

We continued and expanded our programs. We had a fifth year of intensive courses, hosted another Nevin Lecturer, initiated regional courses, and completed a Fellows program.

Some important things have changed.

In August 2017, Jim Jordan had a stroke and his recovery has been sluggish. Without Jim, Theopolis would not exist. We're grateful for him, and pray for his full recovery.

Jim's illness forced us to make plans for the future sooner than we expected.

Continue reading to learn about our new staff members and the exciting new projects we've cooked up.

Blessings,



Section 1

A Year in Review



A Year in Review

We've added two ***new staff members*** in the past six months.

Dr. Alastair Roberts ¹ has come on board as an Adjunct Senior Fellow. He's a regular on the Theopolis podcast, and will teach in the Fellows program.

Alastair is a brilliant young English theologian who has written many articles, co-authored *Echoes of Exodus*, and is completing *Heirs Together*, on the theology of the sexes.

John Crawford ² joined us as Executive Director. John has many years of business experience. He will develop and implement a strategic plan, and will oversee operations.



1 Alastair Roberts



2 John Crawford

A Year in Review

We had a successful series of **intensive courses** in 2017-2018:

- Dr. Alastair Roberts taught on the theology of the sexes during Easter Term.
- Rev. John Barach led us through Joshua, Judges, and Ruth in May.
- We had our largest class ever for Philosopher Esther Meek's course on "covenant epistemology" in Trinity Term, 2018 ³.

Prof. Amos Yong lectured on Pentecostal spirituality at our **fifth Nevin Lecture** series in February.

We inaugurated **regional courses** in Dallas, Chicago, and Boise.

We expanded our **international work**. Theopolis also offered conferences in England and Ukraine. Theopolis Board member Uri Brito taught and preached in Brazil.

We completed our first **Fellows Program**. Three students went through the program, and two completed the requirements to receive a Fellows Certificate.



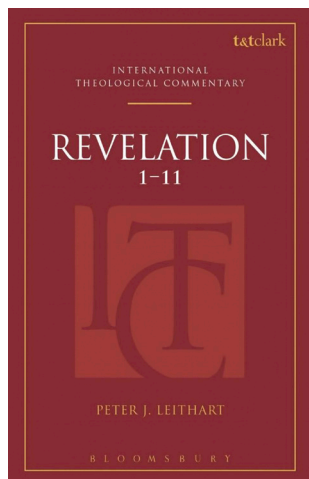
3 Esther Meek's class

A Year in Review

President **Peter Leithart** published several books and lectured widely.

- His two-volume commentary on Revelation was published in January ⁴.
- The first volume of his Matthew commentary came out during the year.
- He lectured or participated in conferences at Yale Divinity School, Mundelein Seminary, the Society of Biblical Literature, the Auburn Avenue Pastors Conference, Hillsdale College, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, and the Center for Catholic and Evangelical Theology.

We have been grateful for **growing support** for Theopolis. All of the above was possible due to a significant increase in giving from loyal patrons as well as new partners who are excited about a Theopolitan vision.



⁴ Peter Leithart's Two-Volume Revelation Commentary

Section 2

A Look Ahead



A Look Ahead

During the next year, we want to focus on generating greater awareness of Theopolis. We aspire to be recognized as a leading source for fresh insights into the integration of Scripture, worship, and culture.

We will **continue and enhance** the programs we've been running for the past five years.

- Dr. David Field will teach the Easter term intensive (March 2019) on "Paths to Human Maturity."
- Michael Sorrell, President of Paul Quinn College in Dallas, will be our sixth Nevin Lecturer in February. He will discuss the African-American Church as a Christian tradition ⁵.
- During Pentecost term, Dr. Dru Johnson will explore the theology of ritual.
- Regional courses will take place in Dallas, Chicago and North of Los Angeles. We plan to stream some of this content so that our donors and others can participate remotely.
- Our e-newsletter, *In Medias Res*, will soon become a weekly newsletter.



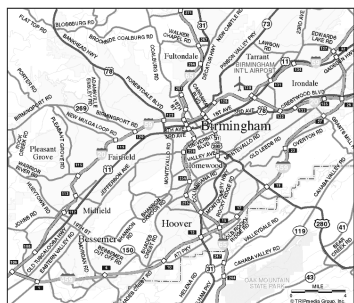
⁵ Michael Sorrell
President of Paul Quinn College

A Look Ahead

And we have a number of **new projects** in the works.

- The *Theopolis Fundamentals*: A series of short introductory books outlining a Theopolitan approach to Bible reading, worship, and cultural topics.
- Regular videos that make the Theopolitan vision accessible to a broader audience.
- A revised Fellows Program: Beginning in the summer of 2019, we will have an annual Fellows Program to initiate church leaders into the Theopolitan vision.
- Alastair Roberts's *Heirs Together* will be available during 2019.
- Peter Leithart is writing a short book on the Ten Commandments and finishing volume 2 of his Matthew commentary.

In addition to new projects, Theopolis will be seeking a **new home** ⁶. With a shift in the Fellows Program format, we intend to downsize our space. This will provide additional funds to invest in our projects and programs and also enable increased alignment with our events, programs and local vision.



Section 3

An Invitation



An Invitation

Five

courses

Numerous

lectures

One

Fellows Program

Three

continents

Four

books

Increased

content and new staff

An Invitation

We have a lot to do. To teach, equip and connect pastors, students and Christian laity with a Theopolitan vision, we need your prayers and continued financial support.

Please consider becoming a **Theopolis Partner** by donating \$50/month or \$500/year. As a Theopolis Partner, you'll receive an exclusive weekly newsletter from President Peter Leithart, free downloads of all our courses, and quarterly access to a webinar.

If you have any questions about supporting the work of Theopolis, please reach out to John Crawford directly at jcrawford@theopolisinstitute.com.

Thanks for your prayers, encouragement, and support. We are grateful for all that the Lord has done for us through you.

Pray for us as we seek to serve our Lord Jesus and His church.

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