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A Written Legacy:
A Bibliography for Allan J. McNicol

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Nearly forty years ago, a young New Testament scholar from Australia arrived in Austin fresh out of graduate school. He had been offered an appointment to the Biblical Studies Center, a Bible chair serving the University of Texas, sponsored by the University Avenue Church of Christ. In his own words, “Little was I to know, or even conceive, that I would be here for the entirety of my academic career.”

Together with his colleagues, Allan McNicol has shepherded Austin Graduate School of Theology—in all of its iterations—through times of plenty and times of crisis. In all of those years, he has been a beloved colleague, scholar, friend, teacher, and mentor. Above all Allan has been a faithful disciple, fulfilling his ministry of scholarly service to the church.

We who have worked with Allan over the years have interacted with him in different ways. Scholars have noted his careful attention to detail and his determination to let evidence guide his conclusions, even though they are sometimes unpopular. The church has learned from his concern for faithfulness to biblical practice—from his reflection on the hermeneutic of Churches of Christ to his fresh exposition of baptism and the Lord’s Supper. Students have benefited from his rigorous and insightful instruction in combination with his deeply pastoral heart.

Here we intend to make a record of some of Allan’s most important contributions as a doctor of the church. These reflect Allan’s work as directed toward each of the audiences mentioned above. This is not a comprehensive

bibliography. We present here a sample of the written legacy that Allan has left for the school, the church, students, and the guild of New Testament study.

Neither does this list capture the heart of Allan McNicol. It does not show his pastoral concern over the years for his students. Many of his students have learned firsthand of his willingness to sit for hours and advise them in distress—both academic and personal. These moments are not recorded below. Nor are those acts of personal piety and compassion that have filled his crown with stars. It is hoped that readers will recognize in this list a heart for the church. Those of us who have known Allan will remember that the faith he discloses in these works is not merely academic—Allan has lived out the story he has been teaching his students for forty years.

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Allan occasionally reminisces about Yale Divinity School. His memories include observing distinguished church historian Roland Bainton sketching colleagues during faculty lunches. While Austin Grad does not have a Roland Bainton, one of Allan's colleagues rendered this sketch during a faculty lunch. It is presented here with respect and appreciation for years of collegial friendship.

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