



Vale: Gordon Moyes

Churches of Christ and the broader Australian church lost a respected leader with the passing on Easter Sunday, April 5, 2015, of Dr. Gordon Moyes. Gordon died peacefully after a brief illness.

Gordon was a graduate of the College of the Bible (now the Stirling Theological College), and was ordained in 1959 as a minister of Churches of Christ. He had ministries at Newmarket, Ascot Vale, Ararat and Cheltenham (now Southern Community) churches. Thus Gordon, evangelist, pastor, communicator and visionary leader was a significant contributor to the health and growth of CCVT in the 1960s and 1970s.

Gordon moved to Sydney in the late 1970s and was ordained in the Uniting Church in Australia, serving for 27 years as the Superintendent of Wesley Mission. Wesley became one of Australia's largest nongovernment welfare providers and a uniquely shaped multicultural, citybased church, passionate about sharing God's love in both 'Word and Deed'. As always, where there was a need and opportunity, Gordon saw a vision to serve, including through extensive radio and television programming. Later Gordon became a member of the New South Wales Legislative Council and pursued an agenda of social justice, while drawing attention to what he saw as the moral erosion of Australian society. He was a passionate advocate for disadvantaged indigenous populations, the homeless, the disabled, and the unemployed.

Evangelism remained Gordon's great passion throughout his life. He once said, "Essentially I am an evangelist: I just want to tell people about Jesus Christ." All through his life Gordon was a strong supporter of Churches of Christ federally, and the broader StoneCampbell Movement globally. He received a World Convention of Churches of Christ Citation in 2004 for his contribution to the work of Churches of Christ in Australia and the USA.

A funeral was held at Wesley Mission in Sydney on Friday April 10.