Whatever the sages of Israel intended, for centuries, even millennia, Jews and Christians have regarded Israel’s Wisdom Literature not merely as human response to God, but as revelation. Further, they have turned not merely to the Wisdom Literature but to Scripture as a whole, to Torah and prophet, gospel, history, epistle, and song, seeking to gain “a heart of wisdom.” Biblical wisdom is profoundly theocentric and christological, yet oriented to the practical life of God’s people in the world. The 2018 Vose Conference will explore the intersections of biblical wisdom and contemporary life, investigating the nature and content of wisdom, and its relevance and expression for the early twenty-first century. In particular we hope to examine:

- The content and themes of biblical wisdom
- Particular aspects of the Wisdom Literature and other wisdom passages in Scripture
- Theological and pastoral perspectives on the role and use of wisdom in congregational life and Christian formation
- Issues relevant to contemporary life in modern Australia

Papers are invited which explore these (and related) questions from biblical, historical, theological, philosophical, missiological or practical perspectives. Dr Tremper Longman, who until his recent retirement was the Robert H. Gundry Professor of Biblical Studies at Westmont College in California, and author of numerous works in Old Testament scholarship, will address plenary sessions.

Papers should be about 3500 words, founded on appropriate research, and written for the thoughtful practitioner with the ‘So What?’ question in view. The intended audience of the conference includes ministerial practitioners, theological students, and academic faculty.

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