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Dear ACTA members,

It is with very deep sadness that we received the news that Rev Professor Denis Edwards died early this morning. Denis had suffered a catastrophic stroke on Saturday night and did not recover.

Denis became a member of ACTA in the early days of the Association and served a term as its President. More recently, he was made a Life Member and Fellow of ACTA. He was a regular participant at the annual conference. The papers he gave were not only an occasion for him to test his ideas but, for many of us, were also a source of our own immersion into important, contemporary topics. He was a mentor to many.

As a theologian, Denis had a deep commitment to the local church, especially the local church of Adelaide. He was sought out as theologian, teacher, and researcher at the national level and also internationally.

For at least two decades, the main focus of his work was on Pneumatology, the dialogue between theology and science, and Ecological Theology. The fruits of this work are in his many publications. He was a Catholic participant in a number of ecumenical dialogues, viz. the Australian Anglican–Roman Catholic Commission (AustARC), the Catholic–Lutheran Dialogue in Australia, and more recently, the international Catholic–Methodist dialogue.

Denis will be remembered as a scholar, a man of deep faith, and a friend.

May he rest in peace.

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