



Introducing our Board members

Natanael Costea

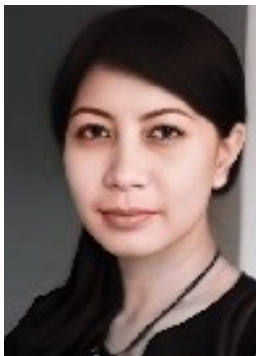


Natanael Costea and his wife Raluka are originally from Romania. Natanael is an ordained minister and currently the pastor of Menora Church in Western Australia, as well as Principal of the Australian College of Ministry.

He graduated with a Bachelor of Business from

Edith Cowan University, and also holds a qualification in Training and Assessment, a Graduate Diploma of Christian Ministry from Western Australian Bible College, and a Master of Arts from Sydney College of Divinity.

Marta Kristiana



Martha Kristiana lives in Surabaya, East Java, and is married to Adi Setyopratojo. They have two daughters; one recently graduated with a degree in management and the other is still studying for a degree in communications.

Martha has a degree in English from Airlangga

University in Surabaya, and a Masters in educational leadership. Martha pioneered the founding of the western campus of the Cita Hati School in western Surabaya, where she is currently a member of Curriculum Department of Christian education. Cita Hati is a Christian school and now has a K-12 program leading to the International Baccalaureate (IB) in high school and is becoming a candidate for the Primary Years Program and Middle Years Program, so it will have an IB continuum.

Another busy semester

This semester, the MA units were communication in ministry and church dynamics, and the

doctoral group did an overview unit of doctoral writing processes.

We began the unit “church dynamics” after an undergraduate commented that: “We’ve all studied the doctrine of the church, but what happens when you actually put it into practice?” So now we have a unit on what really happens in churches. Very practical.

Next semester, Dr. Respati Adjipurwo will teach a unit on developing new leaders, and I’ll be teaching biblical exegesis and a doctoral unit. Our students have all studied exegesis as undergraduates, but it was too often about remembering the lecturer’s interpretation of the Bible, rather than being able to do it themselves.

Metro State Islamic Institute

I was invited to visit Metro State Islamic Institute in Sumatra. I’d never been to such an institution before, but they asked to work together on different kinds of research as part of their accreditation requirements. The government sees research as one of the main tasks of universities, but many academic staff only keep up with their teaching roles. I didn’t really know what to expect, but I was very pleasantly surprised. People were very warm and welcoming and we discussed *Research in Indonesian Universities: Issues and Opportunities in Higher Education*.

Some theological schools have also asked for the same kind of help for the same accreditation reasons. In coming months, I’ll coach various Indonesian academics to write publishable research.

Visit to Madura Island

A very pleasant task was to go to Madura Island to visit a student and the pastor of the WEC-related church in the city of Sumenep. The Madurese people are ethnically different from the Javanese, with their own language and culture, and are a major Unreached People Group in Indonesia. While there, I also visited the royal palace and the royal cemetery. The Madurese haven’t had a king for about 100 years, but the palace is well maintained and well worth a visit.

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