

WYCLIFFE
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Morning Star

Wycliffe College—Visionary leaders with Good News for a vibrant church and a changing world.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Apodictic Pronouncements from the Principal
- Student Council Nominations Close—Friday
- First Ever “Cliffe Awards”
- Student Servers Wanted
- 2nd Year Pizza Lunch
- Residence Room Inspections this Week

Official Class Times

9:05-10:55 a.m.
11:10-1:00 p.m.
2:05-3:55 p.m.
7:05-8:55 p.m.

Coffee Hour

10:50-11:10 a.m.

Copies of ATS (Association of Theological Schools) Standards are available in the Principal's Office. If you have any questions or concerns that should be addressed to the Board of Trustees, please contact Karen Baker-Bigauskas who can take them to Board member Mrs. Eileen Henderson on your behalf.

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PRIMER ON GLOBAL CHRISTIANITY - TOM POWER

If Rowan Williams in his *Why Study the Past?* (reviewed last week by Alan Hayes) urges us to understand our faith in the context of the past, then Philip Jenkins in his landmark book entitled, *The Next Christendom: The Coming of Global Christianity* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2003), can be said to do so in terms of the future. For, in case you have not noticed, Christianity's centre of gravity has shifted southward to Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Specifically Jenkins makes this claim: "In terms of formal adherence to Christianity, sub-Saharan Africa will already have displaced Europe as the chief Christian heartland within a mere quarter-century." (90) The figures are staggering: for example, did you know that in Africa over the course of the twentieth century the number of Christians increased from 10 million (1900) to 360 million

(2000). Superficially, this shift can be explained in purely demographic terms, for in 1900 32% of the world's population lay in the area combined in the countries of the former Soviet Union, Europe and North America; this proportion had decreased to 18% by 2000, and by 2050 it is projected to be around 10% (79). From this one might conjecture that there is a certain inevitability to Christian expansion outside Europe and the West, simply on the basis of the spatial concentration of population growth alone. Yet what Jenkins does is to show that the fastest growing countries in terms of population are also the ones that are predominantly Christian. While the South is growing, the North is stagnating and undergoing dechristianization with any semblance of growth typically coming from immigrants who are Christian: e.g. Latinos have

revitalized American Catholicism, Poles and Nigerians in Ireland.

This trend is likely to continue in future with many of the fastest-growing countries being either predominantly Christian or having large Christian minorities, with Christianity outpacing its closest rival, Islam, to become in Jenkins' prediction, the world's largest religion by 2050 and beyond. So the prospects for Christianity in the twenty-first century appear assured, but the vast majority of Christians will be neither white nor European. Already we can discern that the Anglican Communion is more African in tenor, and Jenkins estimates that by 2050, Anglicans will number 150 million globally, but only a minority of these will be white Europeans (59).

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THIS WEDNESDAY AT WYCLIFFE

3:00 p.m. — *Wednesday Event* — **MANDATORY FOR ALL M.DIV. STUDENTS**
-Cree Ministry—Adam Halkett, Wilfred Sanderson, Angus Seewap, Beryl Whitecap -
in the Reading Room

4:45 p.m. — *Holy Eucharist* — Preacher: Dean Doug Stoute (St. James Cathedral)
Officiant: Jonathan Wong (Wycliffe Student)

6:00 p.m. — *Community Dinner* (please sign up at the Front Desk)

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The surprising aspect about this phenomenal growth is that it is not something that has happened overnight, despite what might appear as the inauspicious beginnings of Christianity in the global South. In some countries the adoption of Christianity was a by-product of modernization and urbanization (most population growth globally is expected to be urban); in others, it was the result of colonialism. But in essence Christianity grew because, as Jenkins deftly reveals, it was a grassroots movement that appealed to a broad diversity of groups who found it the best way of interpreting the world around them: it addressed their needs and they found it to be true. Often the new faith took root in the context of martyrdom but thereafter it grew phenomenally, the best example being Uganda where early persecution gave way to growth such that today 75% of the population is Christian; similarly with Madagascar where the population is 90% Christian.

We talk much of leadership and not surprisingly a vibrant Christianity in the Global South has engendered a new generation of leaders. Given the pervasiveness of Christianity in southern societies, it is no surprise that many clergy (such as Desmond Tutu) have emerged as moral leaders in their own countries, in ways that would be impossible now in the West. In this way faith is actively influencing politics to the extent, for example, of confronting repressive regimes. Faith is intrinsically tied to liberation movements,

certainly in Africa since the 1960s, where many of the early leaders of independence movements were the products of the mission schools. Politics in the South is very much Christian politics in a way unimaginable in the West.

Jenkins demonstrates convincingly that contrary to the popular stereotype early Christian missionaries had great success in adapting to local styles of worship and belief. Traditionally charges of syncretism have been leveled against churches in a colonial context but these are largely unfounded and can be readily explained: e.g. missionaries from the West found a ready acceptance of the idea of the supernatural among the local populations which made the transition to the Christian message easier. Similarly with healing, miracles, signs and wonders, and the spiritual warfare involved in confronting the forces of evil. Certainly the faith might have been introduced by Europeans, but the movement quickly became local and was embraced with enthusiasm. Today in the West the reverse is true: now it is harder to convince people of the existence of the spiritual realm hence making acceptance of Christianity more difficult.

With the process of decolonization from the mid-twentieth century Christianity began a period of sustained growth, especially in Africa. Africans embraced Christianity despite the massive political, social and economic changes all around (just as in an earlier period many "barbarian" tribes did in the wake of the collapse of the Roman Empire, for

example the Celts. And here I have to digress and wish all a happy St. Patrick's Day on March 17th: "Beannachtaí Lá Féile Pádraig").

All this does not mean that the growth of Christianity is without its denominational flashpoints, particularly in Latin America where the Catholic Church is concerned about conversions to the evangelicals and Pentecostals. Denominationally, the growth in Pentecostalism globally has been phenomenal: by 2000 an increase of 19 million annually is recorded. In fact Third World Christianity is becoming increasingly Pentecostal in flavor because it provides the poor, among whom growth is mainly occurring, with fulfillment of their social needs and a sense of community, where God can be invoked for direct intervention in the everyday events of life.

Inevitably growth for Christianity has meant advances into areas once identified with other religions like Hinduism, Buddhism and Chinese traditional religions, and this has been the occasion of tension. There are now and will continue to be religious conflicts particularly with Islam. Muslim-Christian conflict will accentuate especially where the interstices between the two are sharp as in Sudan, Pakistan, Indonesia, and the Philippines. Inter-faith conflict will increasingly influence politics and will be defined around issues like minority rights, religious law, and conversions.

What are the implications for the church in Canada and

the West more generally? What should all this mean for the parishioner in the church pew on Sunday? There is no doubt that the phenomenal growth of the church in the Global South presents us with a challenge, one that must go beyond a simple recognition that the church in the West is in decline. Here are a few points to consider: (1) In the future we can expect many missionaries to be on our doorstep here in North America and in the West generally. The re-evangelization of the West (especially in Europe) is a fair prediction and is already afoot, informally if not formally. (2) Expect immigrants who come to be orthodox in doctrine and to have conservative views on faith, family, and sexuality. They will seek to impact our churches accordingly. (3) Although Jenkins is not really concerned to address development issues per se like health, HIV/AIDS, poverty, wealth inequities, and gender, we can expect global concerns around poverty and development to become our concerns increasingly. Global will be local, and local will be global. (4) Immigrants while respectful of authority will be less tolerant of our separation of church and state and will be more in favour of public displays of religious fervor and making religious issues public issues.

Jenkins writes as a historian sensitive to issues of faith and their context and impact. He provides a compelling survey of the future orientation of Christianity in the global context. Interesting times lie ahead!

Apodictic Pronouncements from the Principal

In this cyber-world in which we now live, please be advised the following are not acceptable in class:

- ⇒ Checking Facebook
- ⇒ Reading emails
- ⇒ Texting
- ⇒ Playing computer/cyber games
- ⇒ Listening to iTunes

Cordially yours, Principal Summer

Upcoming Elections! It's that time of year again. We are looking for a few good people to be servant leaders for the College. Nominations for all Student Council positions (with the exception of 1st Year Rep) will close on Friday March 19th at 5:00 p.m. So keep your eyes open for students, and/or residents, who would represent you well. Please see position descriptions on pages 6 and 7.

Confirmation Classes...

Would you like to be Confirmed in the Anglican Faith? A couple of students have expressed this desire - if you would like to take part in a Confirmation Class please speak to Karen in the Principal's Office (Rm. 104).

Wycliffe Student Preaching Club

Bring your lunch and join us on

WEDNESDAYS

at 1:15pm in the East Lecture Room

Learn various sermon prep and preaching techniques. Learn how to give and receive critiques to improve your skills. Increase your confidence in a safe, student only environment.

For further information contact:

Derwyn Costinak

Jason Ingalls

Dave Matthews

Nancy Springer

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!!!!!!

The First Ever Cliffe Awards are Coming!

Know anyone who has made a positive, or unique impact on the Wycliffe Community this year? Nominate them and their achievement for the First Ever Cliffe Awards by submitting their name and achievement into the box in the lobby.



We are looking for funny and positive awards to celebrate this year at Wycliffe. Categories could include "Professor with the cheesiest Jokes", "Individual with the Most Infectious Giggle", "Best Dance Moves" or any other category you can come up with!

Nominations will be accepted until Wednesday March 17th, into the box in the lobby.

Join us in Sheraton Hall for the Cliffe Awards on Wednesday March 31st!

This Week at Wycliffe

Monday

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer

Tuesday

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer

Wednesday

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

1:00 p.m. 2nd Year Student Pizza Lunch - Reading Room

1:15 p.m. Preaching Club—ELR

3:00 p.m. Cree Ministry—*MANDATORY FOR ALL M.DIV. STUDENTS - Reading Room*

4:45 p.m. Holy Eucharist—Doug Stoute, Preacher;
Jonathan Wong, Officiant

6:00 p.m. Community Dinner - remember to sign up at the
Front Desk if you plan to attend.

Thursday

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer—Guest Preacher

5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer

Friday

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

9:00 a.m. "Coffee and Classics"

5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer

"The Leonard Griffith Prize for Expository Preaching"

The Leonard Griffith Prize for Expository Preaching is awarded annually at Wycliffe's Convocation. Please submit sermons for consideration, to Karen in the Principal's Office by: Monday, March 29th, 2010.

This award is open to any Wycliffe student; the recipient does not have to be a member of the graduating class.

The date for 2010's Convocation is Monday May 10th— all are welcome to join us at Convocation Hall at 7:30 p.m. This year's honorary graduates are the Honourable David Onley, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, and the Rt. Rev. Stephen Andrews, Bishop of Algoma.

Martin Moser Society for Theological Studies

Applications for bursary help from this fund established in Alberta to honour Father Martin Moser are available from the Front Desk

Eligibility

The applicant must be a lay man or woman of any Christian denomination who is enrolled in a recognized Canadian Theological School who is pursuing a graduate or undergraduate degree in theology or theological Studies in preparation for ministry in the Canadian Church.

Note: this bursary is not intended for those preparing for ordained ministry

The deadline for applications is April 30th 2010

Attention ALL Students...

If you would like to join Residents for breakfast or dinner please note that tickets are required and can be purchased at the Front Desk:

Breakfast \$3.50

Dinner \$8.50*

*the exception is Wednesday Community Dinner, which you need to sign up for at the Front Desk.

ALL Students and Residents need to purchase tickets for lunch in the Refectory. These can be purchased at the Front Desk as well.

1 @ \$3.00, 5 @ \$10.00, 10 @ \$20.00

Wycliffe Residents:

On Wednesday March 17, 2010 we will be changing the batteries in all the smoke detectors in the building. Starting at 9:00 a.m. our Maintenance Staff will be changing the batteries and *will need access to your residence room.*

Additionally, during the morning of **March 17, 2010** we will also be conducting room inspections to determine what work needs to be done in the residence over the summer. This inspection will be performed by our Residence Don and Maintenance staff. *They will also need access to your room (likely between 10:00 and noon).*

Thank you for your understanding.

From the Chaplain

Special Chapel Event

On Thursday March 25 at 4:30 p.m. in Founders' Chapel we will have a dramatized reading of Mark's Gospel with worship (canticles). This will take the place of Evening Prayer that day. It runs from 4:30—6:00 p.m. Students and/or Residents who come in at 5:30 for Evening Prayer will be able to fit right in.

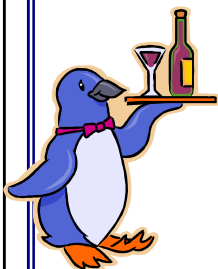
Students involved are: Alex Best, Amy Chandy, Justine Lodder, David Matthews, Matthew Neugebauer and Derwyn Costinak.

Please join us in Founders' Chapel each Tuesday at 10:00 p.m. to pray Compline.

Attention All 2nd Year Students
Join us for Pizza and conversation in the Reading Room this Wednesday at 1:00 p.m.
Robert Porter, 2nd Year Rep.

STUDENT SERVERS NEEDED
for the **Institute of Evangelism Dinner**
Thursday March 25, 2010
5:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m.

Must be able to commit for the entire evening (no last minute cancellations!)



Dress code is black pants or skirt and white shirt.

Rate of Pay—\$12.00/hour

Please see Angela in the Development Office or phone 416-946-3524 or email angela.mazza@wycliffe.utoronto.ca

Want a pizza party for you and your friends at the end of the term?

Win the Great Chapel Team contest and it can be yours.

Who will it be? Merbecke? Cramner? Luther? or The Venerable Bede?

So here's the deal: Each of our four Chapel teams (Cramner, Luther, the Venerable Bede and Merbecke) meet two more times during this academic term. The team with the highest combined attendance at the two meetings wins an all expenses paid pizza dinner with your sacristans!

All you have to do is show up for two hours at your Chapel team meeting. That's all. Two hours and pizza, fun, the glory of competition and the sweet taste of victory will be yours.



So, Chapel teams you know who you are. Team meetings are Wednesdays, 2-3 p.m. in the Conference Room.

Check your e-mail for the Wednesdays your team will be meeting. Watch the Morning Star for attendance totals.

Official scorekeeper is Dr. Rachel Kessler.

Institute of Evangelism Dinner
Thursday March 25, 2010

Speaker: The Rev. Canon Dr. Harold Percy
Rector—Trinity Streetsville

6:30 p.m. Reception
7:00 p.m. Dinner



Due to the wonderful generosity of some Wycliffe friends and alumni/ae we are very pleased to be able to provide complimentary tickets to the Dinner for current Wycliffe students.

Tickets will be on a first come basis.

Please contact Angela in the Development Office in Room 101 or phone 416-946-3524 or email angela.mazza@wycliffe.utoronto.ca

Student Council Elections

Election call for Student Council positions!
Nominations will be accepted from March 8th, until
March 19th, 2010 at 5pm.

Eligibility:

1. Any basic degree theological student who has been a member of the student body for two (2) semesters shall be eligible to run for the position of **VP Spirituality and VP Theology**.
2. Any basic degree theological student is eligible to run for the position of **Student Representative**. A **Second Year Rep and Day Student Rep** will be elected now and the **First Year Rep** will be elected in the fall.
3. Any non-resident theological student (ie commuting theological student) who has been a member of the student body for two (2) semesters shall be eligible to run for the position of Day Students' Representative. **ONLY THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS NOT LIVING IN RESIDENCE ARE ENTITLED TO VOTE FOR THIS POSITION.**
4. Only **residents** are eligible to vote for **House Advocate**.
5. Residents are eligible to run for the following positions: secretary, treasurer, sports rep, and missions rep.

Day Student Representative:

The Day Student Rep is responsible for the interests of the theological students not living in residence, providing opportunities for them to express their needs and concerns; ask questions; and gather for fellowship, teaching, discussion.

Sports Representative:

The Sports Rep is responsible for the athletic activities and programs of the community.

House Advocate:

The House Advocate represents all Wycliffe residents. The responsibilities include: liaising with the school on maintenance, security and other issues; creating opportunities for residents to have fellowship; ensuring residents are invited to student council/school events.

Responsibilities

All student council members are charged with the responsibility of governing and administering the Association in accordance with the guidelines laid out in the Constitution, By-Laws, and Standing Rules. In addition to the specific duties described below, **MEMBERS CARRY OUT OTHER DUTIES AS A RESULT OF THE CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS AND STANDING RULES.**

First Year Representative:

The First Year Rep is the member responsible for the interests of the first year theological students, providing opportunities for them to voice concerns, ask questions, and gather for fellowship, teaching, discussion.
ELECTED IN THE FALL

Second Year Representative:

The Second Year Rep is responsible for the interests of the second year theological students, providing opportunities for them to express their needs and concerns; ask questions, and gather for fellowship, teaching, discussion.

Secretary:

The Secretary is responsible for recording the minutes of all council meetings and distributing them to members.

Missions Chair

The role of the Missions Chair is to promote the ministry of missions both in the local and international context. The responsibilities include creation of a team (committee) to undertake local outreach such as the sandwich run, overseeing the newly created affiliation with a theological college in Kenya (coordinating the connection between Kenyan and Wycliffe students); planning a missions night that focuses on a particular aspect of missions.

VP Theology:

The role of VP Theology is to promote and encourage theological reflection and discussions among students. This includes helping to create an environment where students can share theological questions with which they are struggling.

Social Chair

The representative for social activities is responsible for planning various community events that focus on fun and fellowship; creating a social committee and overseeing their activities and ministry. The major events include the Thanksgiving Dinner (Wed event and special dinner for residents which is coordinated with the house advocate), Christmas Dinner and Evening, and the At Home but other activities have been the Halloween Dance, movie nights.

Treasurer:

Oversees the management and stewardship of the student council's financial resources. The Treasurer records financial transactions and prepares interim financial reports and an annual balance sheet and statement of revenue and expenditures. The responsibility also include overseeing the budgeting process and ensuring proper authorization of disbursements.

VP Spirituality:

This is a position created in 2002 to respond to the students' expressed need for more attention the spiritual formation of both theological students and other members of the Wycliffe community seeking support to grow in this area.

The VP Spirituality will be responsible for proposing and implementing with the help of Student Council a program of spiritual formation that takes into account the perceived needs of students and other members of the community. The program may include: co-ordinating workshops on prayer and meditation; exploring the benefits of and interest in group spiritual direction and communication the results with the administration; encouraging prayer groups; giving special focus in planning activities leading up to the end of term to help students cope with the chaos. The VP Spirituality will also be consulted by faculty in the planning of "retreats" (quiet days).

Platforms of those running for election will appear in the Morning Star on Monday March 22nd. If you have any questions, or would like to know more about the Student Council and what it does please speak to Senior Student David Turner.

If you would like to see a copy of the newly updated By Laws—accepted by the student body in October 2009, please speak to either Senior Student David Turner or Secretary Chris Dow.

Student Council Elections

Chapel Schedule

Date	Service	Officiant/Preacher	Readers, etc.
Mon.	MP	Ephraim Radner	Wendell Brock, Joe Mangina
	EP	Wendell Brock	Kyle Vance, David Matthews
Tues.	MP	George Sumner	Dane Neufeld, Karen Baker-Bigauskas
	EP	Connie Phillipson	Dane Neufeld, John Roberts
Wed.	MP	Dean Mercer	Liturgics Class
	HE	Jonathan Wong/Doug Stoute	Jessica Pratezina, David Matthews, Amy Chandy, Leslie Gerlofs, Katie Silcox, Dane Neufeld
Thurs.	MP	Tom Power/Guest	Bonnie Parsons
	EP	John Roberts	Douglas Clark, Trevor Aucoin
Fri.	MP	Annette Brownlee/Derek Perry	Marion Taylor, Wendell Brock
	EP	Stephen Nduati	David Matthews, Kyle Vance

March 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
14	15	16	17 WE— Presentation on Cree Ministry	18	19 MP—Derek Perry	20
21	22	23	24 Advising Day WE—Exit Interviews— Graduating Students	25 4:30—Dramatic Reading— Founders' Chapel	26	27
28	29	30	31 WE—Cliffe Awards	1 April Maundy Thursday— Admin closes @ 1:00 p.m.	2 Good Friday	3