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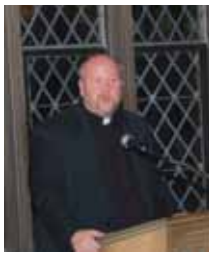
"Wycliffe on the Front Lines" – The 9th Annual Principal's Dinner

BY PEGGY SCOTT

"Wycliffe on the Front Lines" was the compelling message of celebration and inspiration for the 9th Annual Principal's Dinner held at Wycliffe College on October 25, 2007. The Reverend Canon Dr. George Sumner, Principal of Wycliffe and his family 'welcomed home' former principals, faculty, alumni, and guests.

By all accounts, it was a joyful event. In welcoming attendees, Principal Sumner recalled the unique missionary tradition of Wycliffe College and spoke of Wycliffe's unchanging commitment to equipping men and women with the skill and knowledge to proclaim the Good News of the gospel throughout the world.

Each of the three keynote speakers provided frontline stories in words, images and sound, of how God is working in communities around the world. The speakers also made pointed references to how their training at Wycliffe was invaluable in how each was able to carry God's word to the darkness of the front lines of their ministries.



The Reverend Canon Kim Beard, W '89, described the mission work of over one hundred volunteers whom he led to Kenya in the spring of 2007. The team distributed eyeglasses and medical supplies, constructed buildings, participated in worship and offered classes to those training for Christian discipleship and ministry. They travelled to places that were destitute and at the same time beautiful. They encountered great need in these places, and as direct evidence of God's providence, when supplies they had brought with them ran out, God provided.

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Dear Brothers and Sisters…

GREETINGS IN CHRIST! There is a great interest these days in the Anglican Church in Africa, its distinctive worship and its dramatic growth. But what lies at the heart of its emergence? This term at the College, we are privileged to have the Rev. Dr. Mwita Akiri, a church historian and the provincial secretary of the Anglican Church of Tanzania, with us. I believe he would confirm that in east Africa, the key event was the East African Revival in the 1930's. It was a spontaneous movement of preaching for repentance and conversion, for leaving "limping between two opinions" and accepting Christ wholeheartedly. Though it was conceived and led by Africans, the movement bore an uncanny resemblance to the Methodist movement of the 18th century in England (the only difference being that the Church managed to keep the African revival within the fold).

One of the greatest mission leaders and theologians of the 20th century was Max Warren, the general secretary of the Church Missionary Society (and a recipient of a Wycliffe honorary degree). In his book on the Revival, Warren put the movement in the perspective of the wider sweep of Christian history. The line of engagement between the Gospel and the world is always shifting. In each era and place the gracious collision takes place at a different point: for east Africans the battle line was found around the moral issues that amounted to backsliding to the Revivalists. In our time and place too the line of engagement comes around issues particular to us. The issues change, but the shifting line of struggle is perennial.

There is a great deal of talk in theology these days about "context," about the defining particulars of each time and place the Church finds itself. This is fair enough, but what Warren would underline is that the initiative is always with the Gospel, and with its power to lovingly confront the assumptions and habits of those it meets. Real "contextualization" is not some confection, part Christian part local, but the challenge of the Word on a people.

It is in this spirit of the constant redrawing of the "front lines" of the Gospel that I invite you to read this issue of INSIGHT. You will read about our Principal's Dinner speakers, who are all on the front lines of missionary encounter, whether in Afghanistan, the Arctic or in Africa. You will read about new theological initiatives of our faculty, among them Ephraim Radner's exploration of the discovery of the nature of communion, amidst struggle, in our own global Anglican tradition.

We invite you to join us in our ministry of providing aid to, thinking about, and preparing leaders for ministry on the ever-shifting "front lines."

Peace,

The Rev. Canon Dr. George Sumner
Principal and Helliwell Professor of World Mission

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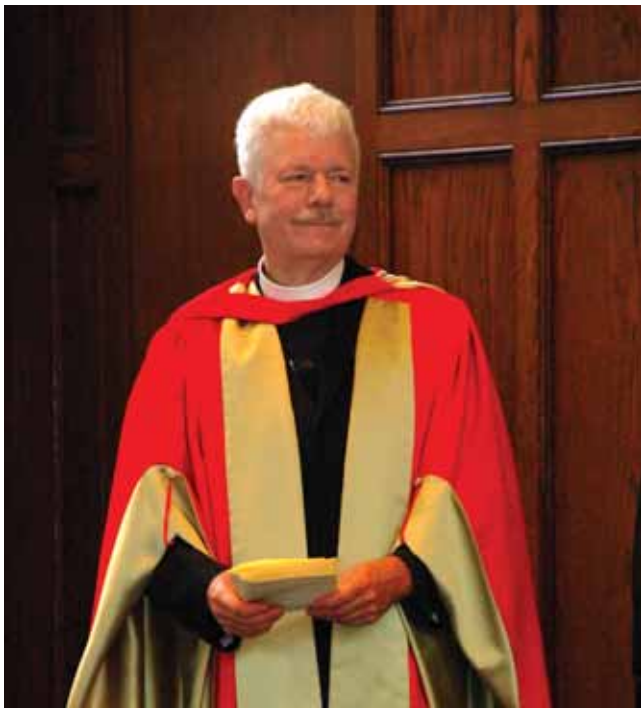
A New Logo for Wycliffe College

As an evangelical theological college in the heart of a secular university, the need to communicate to the public who Wycliffe College is and its purpose in Canada and the world is a necessary part of the College's mission. John Stott reminds us that "evangelicals are Bible people and Gospel people." These were central ideas that informed the new logo's design. We hope you will agree that, in parallel with the Wycliffe coat of arms, this new and complementary graphic speaks to a dynamic, leading organization, founded on the Word and called to lead forward in Christ. Look for these images on all forthcoming communications from Wycliffe College.

Congratulations Dr. Alan L. Hayes



The Rev. Dr. Alan L. Hayes has been appointed the seventh Director of the Toronto School of Theology.

Professor Hayes, who earned his doctorate at McGill University, is Bishops Heber and Frederick Wilkinson Professor of Church History at Wycliffe College, where he has taught for thirty-one years.

He is a distinguished church historian, who is author of several books and articles on English, American and Canadian church history and an editor of a professional historical journal. He has served in various offices of administration and institutional leadership at Wycliffe College and in the TST.

He is married to the Rev. Morar Murray-Hayes, Minister of Maple Grove United Church, Oakville, and they have two daughters and one granddaughter. He is an Honorary Canon of Christ Church Cathedral in Hamilton.

Congratulations Alan!

Announcements

WYCLIFFE COLLEGE is delighted to announce the appointment of the Rev. Dr. Christopher Seitz as professor of biblical interpretation this fall term. Dr. Seitz has been for the past ten years the professor of Old Testament and theological studies at the University of St. Andrews, and previously held a similar position at Yale University. He has written fifteen books, some of the most prominent of which are ***Zion's Final Destiny, Figured Out, Word Without End,*** and ***Preaching and Teaching Isaiah.*** His most recent work is entitled ***Prophecy and Hermeneutics: toward a new introduction to the Prophets.*** He is also the editor of ***Studies in Theological Interpretation.*** An Anglican priest resident in the Diocese of Central Florida, he has been an articulate advocate for global communion through the Anglican Communion Institute, of which he is the president. Like his teacher Brevard Childs, he has displayed historical critical expertise, but has gone on to put this at the disposal of a deep Scriptural and theological project. His writing also includes works useful to the pastor preparing a Sunday sermon as well as more popular theological works. He has a reputation as a great teacher and supervisor of students, whose theses have covered a wide range in the history of interpretation. We look forward to Chris contributing in particular to our advanced degree program.

To read Prof. Seitz's most recent address delivered at Wycliffe College on November 7th entitled, "The Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion: An Appraisal at a Time of Waiting", please visit www.wycliffecollege.ca

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Wycliffe College is delighted to announce that Bishop Victoria Matthews will be the Bishop-in-Residence for the Winter Term 2008. Bishop Matthews will teach in the pastoral department, preach, and take part in the College discernment day.

The Rt. Rev. Victoria Mathews grew up in Toronto where she attended school and university. She went to the Yale Divinity School to study in the Master of Divinity program and was the recipient of the North American Theological Fellowship. Bishop Matthews graduated, was ordained in the Diocese of Toronto in 1979 and spent the next several years in parish ministry. She served part-time on the faculty at Trinity College, Toronto after receiving a second master's degree in Theology in 1987. Elected Suffragan Bishop of Toronto in 1993, she was consecrated in February 1994. In 1997, she became Diocesan Bishop of Edmonton and announced her retirement from this position in August of 2007.

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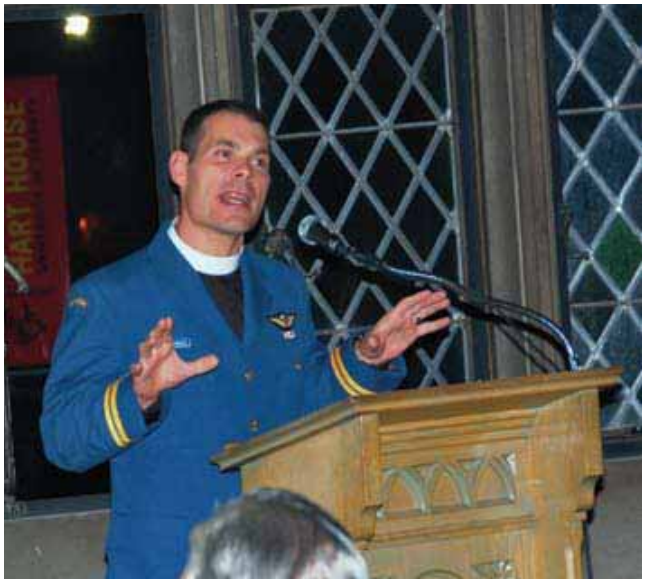

THE REVEREND Captain Marc Torchinsky, W '99, spoke of God's guiding hand in directing him to Wycliffe College at the outset of his theological training and in protecting him during his six-month tour of duty as chaplain to the Canadian Armed Forces in Afghanistan. He affirmed God's presence among the troops when soldiers faced the death of friends, their separation from families and loved ones and fears of battle in foreign terrains and cultures. He also affirmed the work that the soldiers do: to create places of security so that people are free to believe in whatever they wish, including the Gospel of Christ.

The Reverend Susan Oliver, who completed her Master of Divinity degree at Wycliffe in 2005, spoke of her journey to the Northwest Territories, where she serves the Gwich'in people of Fort McPherson at St. Matthew's Church. Facing countless deaths and suicides in her community, she embraced a newsletter from the Wycliffe College Institute of Evangelism on hospitality. This article and by God's grace, she explained, helped open her heart wide to receiving her community in ways she had not yet experienced. She spoke of sharing tea and listening to the elders, of providing after-school cookies and activities for young people, of teaching home economics at the high school, of hosting a local radio talk show "Heaven Help Us!" With Gikhyi Sue (Gikhyi being Gwich'in for pastor) and of opening her home as a foster parent. Even in the darkest moments, there was Light.

Each of these speakers acknowledged the sober reality of the suffering, the danger, the loneliness and the despair which they encounter on the front lines of their diverse ministries. Yet each of them conveyed an intense and infectious joy derived from their work, reaffirming the presence and the power of the Holy Spirit living in their own lives, in their work, and within the communities they serve.

The evening ended with the singing of the Wycliffe Hymn, *King of Love.* The verses reinforced the message of finding the joy and victory of God on the frontlines wherever human feet may tread.

New Faculty Appointment

WYCLIFFE COLLEGE is delighted to announce the appointment of Dr. Wanda Malcolm as part-time Professor of Pastoral Psychology effective January 1, 2008. Dr. Malcolm will teach in the areas of clergy wellness and pastoral counselling as well as do longitudinal research on clergy wellness. She will also develop workshops and retreats for singles and couples in the College and for parish priests.

Dr. Wanda Malcolm holds B.A. (Lakehead), M.A. (O.I.S.E.), and Ph.D. (York). Based on her clinical training and dissertation research, she has an enduring interest in working with those who have been wounded by interpersonal hurtfulness. She held a faculty position at Tyndale University College until 2005 when she decided to give more energy to her work as a clinical psychologist and left Tyndale for private practice and an adjunct position in the psychology department at Brock University. She is part of a team of psychologists headed by Dr. Leslie Greenberg (the founder of emotion-focused therapy) who provide a training program in Hong Kong for counsellors learning this approach to psychotherapy, and is currently co-authoring a book with Dr. Greenberg provisionally titled *Forgiveness and Letting Go in Emotion Focused Therapy* (American Psychological Association Press).

NEW COURSE: MISSIONS IN A MULTICULTURAL SOCIETY

WYCLIFFE will offer an intensive week long course entitled 'Lessons of Mission History in Multicultural Society' the week of April 21-25. The Rt. Rev. Patrick Yu W '81/97 Area Bishop of Toronto and the Rt. Rev. Mark MacDonald, National Indigenous Bishop of Canada W '78 will be the instructors and will bring various historical perspectives to mission work, including Chinese and Native Canadian viewpoints.

WYCLIFFE GRADUATE ELECTED BISHOP

Wycliffe College warmly congratulates The Rev. Canon Dr. Linda Nicholls on her recent election to serve as suffragan bishop in the Diocese of Toronto. Canon Nicholls, was elected at St. Paul's, Bloor Street, in Toronto, by the diocese's synod, its governing body on Saturday November 17th.

Canon Nicholls graduated from Wycliffe College in 1986 and in 2002 with a Doctorate of Ministry.

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Conference 2007 naugural address by im Radner

BY KATIE SILCOX

THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER for this year's SEAD conference, "Anglicans in Covenant: On the way to a Catholic and Worldwide Church", was Wycliffe's new professor of historical theology, Dr. Ephraim Radner. In his inaugural address to faculty, staff, students, alumni and visitors, Dr. Radner, presented the idea of conciliarism – the Church as a communion of churches who take counsel together. In light of the recent proposals for a worldwide Anglican Covenant that grapples with issues of autonomy and unity within communion, an opportunity to learn about what it might mean to be a conciliar Church from such a passionate, gifted pastor and theologian was truly a gift to the community.

In his first of two presentations (the second addressed the Communion's history and current situation in light of a conciliar calling) Dr. Radner provided an overview of conciliarism and its historical and theological development. He argued that if it is to serve the Church, a proper framework for ordering common life needs to be construed theologically, in terms of the "body of Christ and its inner charity," rather than simply politically.

Dr. Radner elaborated on his concept of 'common life' indicating that the idea of 'counsel,' (versus 'council') means to gather the Church in all its diversity into one place, as Christ seeks to gather all through his own life, death and resurrection. He added that if we are to "concretely" live out this call to gather and to act as the body of Christ, then we must engage in concrete political processes by "finding a bridge between the goal and process" of conciliarism. Dr. Radner challenged the community to understand conciliarism in the context of how Christ brings salvation to His people; not through the lens of our political, ecclesial "forms," but rather "as a way of life."

The discussion continued with Dr. Radner's proposal for a "description of conciliarism's intrinsic power within the economy of God," where he brought together the Scriptural exegesis of Gregory the Great and the conciliar writings of Nicholas of Cusa. He concluded that, "from Gregory's standpoint, the concordantia (the principle by which the Catholic Church is in harmony as one and many – in one Lord and many subjects. cf. *The Catholic Concordance)* that Nicholas instantiates, has to do quite concretely with the relationship of the Church to the Scriptures as they are articulated, proclaimed, received and understood in time; and, conversely, it is this proclamation and reception that form the Church through the mission of Scriptural impulse and our subjection to it."

Dr. Radner concluded with an outline for conciliar life in the Church. He stated that "…the concord of council is an outworking or embodiment, of the work of the Word of God, given in the two Testaments, as it extends itself into the world." Thus he argued that it is in regular counsel, in life together in canonical discernment across time (time that may not necessarily suit our given ideological agendas), in mutual confession, repentance, forgiveness, and reconciliation that the Church pursues its vocation.

To read Dr. Radner's full inaugural address please visit www.wycliffecollge.ca.

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Wycliffe's Centre for Lay Education provides courses for lay people who wish to develop a deeper understanding of their faith in order to become better equipped for Christian living and service, whether in the Church, in the workplace, or at home. There are no academic pre-requisites for these courses and a Diploma in Lay Ministry is awarded by Wycliffe College upon the completion of six credits.

We offer courses at three campuses: Toronto, Cobourg and Brockville.

To become better equipped please visit our website: **www.wycliffecollege.ca** or contact Sarah Peake, Director of the Diploma in Lay Ministry, at (416) 946-3535 x2500 or wycliffe.diploma@utoronto.ca

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Ruth Bolton, The Rev. Frank Cooper, Mrs. Joan Coleman. Dr. Arnold Edinborough. Mrs. Muriel Forte. Mrs. Gwen Fralick, The Rev. Norman Green, Deaconess Ethel Harris, Mrs. Miriam John, Mrs. Thankamah Loshy, Ms. Helen Lawson, Dr. Donald MacDonald, Mrs. Isobel McMillan, Mrs. Ethel Peglar, The Right Rev. George Snell, Ms. Maggie Stewart. The Right Rev. Stephen Wang, Mrs. Artis Whitehouse, The Rev. Canon Constance Williston

'…seeing then that we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses…let us run the race that is set before us.' Hebrews 12:1

FEATURE PARISH

Christ Church, Brampton: "Welcoming, Friendly, Active"

BY ELIZABETH WALKER

SO READS THE SIGN OUTSIDE OUR current building at the corner of Queen St. W. and Elizabeth St. N. in the heart of downtown Brampton, the site of Christian worship in the Anglican tradition since 1885. Established in 1851, the church was originally housed in a wooden frame school, moving five years later to a larger brick building on Joseph St. and finally to our present location in what was once the Methodist Episcopal Church. Extensive renovation in 1991 improved accessibility and office space, created a chapel, and expanded the chancel area to accommodate liturgical drama and contemporary worship.

Christ Church is a caring Christian community for people of all ages. Recent programs such as the parish retreat, canoe trip, Christmas bazaar, women's Bible study, confirmation class and summer study of "*The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*" engaged parishioners spanning three generations.

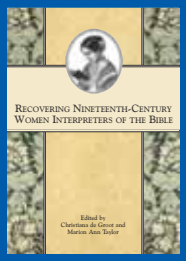
Drama has long been an important medium for spreading the gospel. Christmas pageants with full choir and a host of actors have been followed in recent years by contemporary musicals with a Christian theme and in 2006 by a dramatic reading of Charles Dickens' "*A Christmas Carol.*" Proceeds from the latter support ministry to homeless youth in our community.

Building on a long tradition of support of missions "at home" by members of the Women's Auxiliary, parishioners have been involved in mission trips to Central and South America, South East Asia, the Arctic, and Africa led by former rector the Rev. Kim Beard, a Wycliffe graduate. Currently, the parish is engaged in raising money to complete a water project in Africa.

Our close connection with Wycliffe College continues. Incumbent, The Rev. Dr. Byron R. Gilmore, and Associate, The Rev. Michael Clarke are both Wycliffe graduates. Several lay people are current or former students; one trustee and one adjunct faculty are also members of Christ Church. We are truly beneficiaries of Wycliffe College's commitment to prepare "Visionary leaders with good news for a vibrant church and a changing world."

Check out our web site: www.ChristChurchBrampton.ca for details of our worship services and programs for all ages.

New Publications



Recovering Nineteenth-Century Women Interpreters of the Bible Christiana de Groot and Marion Ann Taylor, editors.
ISBN 9781589832206.
256 pages. Paper
$34.95

A new book jointly edited by Prof. Marion Taylor of Wycliffe College has just been released by Brill as volume 38 in the SBL Symposium Series.

Women have been thoughtful readers and interpreters of scripture throughout the ages, yet the standard history of biblical interpretation includes few women's voices. To introduce readers to this untapped source for the history of biblical interpretation, this volume analyzes forgotten works from the nineteenth century written by women – including Christina Rossetti, Florence Nightingale, and Harriet Beecher Stowe, among others—from various faith backgrounds, countries, and social classes engaging contemporary biblical scholarship.

Due to their exclusion from the academy, women's interpretive writings addressed primarily a non-scholarly audience and were written in a variety of genres: novels and poetry, catechisms, manuals for Bible study, and commentaries on the books of the Bible. To recover these nineteenth-century women interpreters of the Bible, each essay in this volume locates a female author in her historical, ecclesiastical, and interpretive context, focusing on particular biblical passages to clarify an author's contributions as well as to explore how her reading of the text was shaped by her experience as a woman.

Included also as contributors are a number of former and current Wycliffe College graduate students: Amanda Benckhuysen (completing her Ph.D. at Wycliffe College), Elizabeth Davis (TST Ph.D. student), Rebecca G. S. Idestrom (M.Rel. from Wycliffe College), Donna Kerfoot (Th.M. from Wycliffe College, currently a Th.D. candidate at Trinity College), Bernon P. Lee (Ph.D. from Wycliffe College), Heather Weir (completing Th.D. at Wycliffe College), and Lissa M. Wray Beal (Ph.D. at Wycliffe College).

Judaism and the Gentiles
Jewish Patterns of Universalism (to 135 CE)
ISBN 978-1-60258-025-1
580 Pages, 6 x 9 Cloth
$59.95/£33.99

www.baylorpress.com

In the Second-Temple period, non-Jews were attracted to Judaism's communal life, religious observance and theological imagination. On the Jewish side, this was matched by the development of several discrete "patterns of universalism" – ways in which Jews were able to conceive of a positive place for Gentiles within their symbolic world. In this book Terence Donaldson collects and comments on all of the texts (to the end of the second Jewish rebellion in 135 CE) that deal with Gentile sympathizers, proselytes, ethical monotheists and participants in end-time redemption. In impressive detail, Donaldson identifies, defines, and describes these "patterns of universalism."

Comprehensive in scope, discriminating in judgment, and arresting in detail, Donaldson's survey is like no other. His meticulous, often original consideration of the evidence for Jewish views of Gentiles is now not only the place to start thinking about this important theme, but also the place to linger. An outstanding and lasting work of scholarship.

– Steve Wilson, Professor of Religion and Humanities, Carleton University

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Terence L. Donaldson (Th.D. Wycliffe College and University of Toronto) is Lord and Lady Coggan Professor of New Testament Studies at Wycliffe College and the Director of Advanced Degree Programs at the Toronto School of Theology. He is the author of two other books, including, *Jesus on the Mountain: A Study in Matthean Theology (JSTOT Press),* and *Paul and the Gentiles: Remapping the Apostle's Convictional World (Fortress Press). New from Baylor University Press.*

These books are available for purchase through CRUX Books at Wycliffe College.

An Interview with The Rev. Canon Dr. Mwita Akiri

BY ROB HENDERSON

DR. MWITA AKIRI arrived at Wycliffe College as visiting scholar in October 2007. To help us get to know him a little better, Rob Henderson recently sat down with Mwita and spoke with him about his own journey of faith, his current work as Wycliffe's visiting scholar and on delivering the 2007 Sadlier Lecture.

RH: Can you tell us about your Christian life before ordination?

MA: I grew up in a Christian home in my village of Kigunga in northern Tanzania. My mother and father and I would all go to church together regularly and I attended church until the age of 15. I was confirmed by that age, but for the next six years of my life I did not go to church. It did not seem sensible to me. I thought, the Bible was a good book on morality but I didn't think that God existed.

RH: What did you do in that time?

MA: I completed my secondary school education and waited for my results to see whether I would go on to accounting school or study medicine at university. While waiting, I made money by travelling long distances to buy goods in the town and re-selling them in my village. I was a middle-man you see.

RH: And what brought you back to church?

MA: For me to do my business trading goods everyday, I had to walk to catch a bus and I had to pass by the pastor's home to get there. He would always say to me, "God will call you to be a minister!" Well this annoyed me greatly. Then one day, walking up the hill near my village with my cousin to take a shower, something told me that God is looking for me. My cousin said as we walked down the hill: "I heard our local church catechist talk about you the other day, that God wants young people like you to serve him, and that he and the pastor are praying for you." I then decided to go back to church. No one could believe that I was sitting in the pews again, but soon, the catechist asked me to lead a service and preach. I knew I had no personal relationship with Jesus but I preached anyway. Every time I preached, a voice said to me "You are serving me, but you don't know Me." Within three months of this experience I attended a revival meeting and heard a sermon on Matthew 6:33. It was March 1982 and it was just after my birthday. I heard the words "seek first the kingdom of God." The sermon ended and I received a powerful invitation: "is this the day you come to Me?" I thought I could continue my business, or go to medical school but I stood up in that meeting and gave my life to Jesus and decided to serve Him.

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RH: Did ordination come soon after this?

MA: Not exactly. I started serving as a catechist in my local parish. When my bishop came to our parish in March 1982 during his annual confirmation visits, my local pastor told him that it would be good if I trained for ordination. The bishop called me and said: "It is not necessary that everyone who serves as a catechist should train for ordination. However, just enroll in the Bible school for a three month bible course and when you finish, return to your local parish and serve there." I accepted this and I enrolled in May 1982. But before I finished, the bishop called me one evening in July 1982 and said: "Now you are going to train for ordination!" He clearly knew that the Bible schools were seminaries for the seminary, and from September 1982 to July 1985 I studied at St. Philip's Theological College in Kongwa, central Tanzania. The same bishop who helped me on my way, the late Bishop Rusibamayila, was the bishop who ordained me in August 1985. After time spent as a pastor in my diocese of Mara, where I was made priest in December 1985, I continued my studies abroad at Trinity College Bristol, England (1988-91) and later at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland for masters (1994-95) and doctoral studies (1995-99).

RH: What are you presently working on here at Wycliffe.

MA: I am very grateful for the opportunity to go back to my academic life at a place that is at the centre of the mission of the Church. I am working on two things: First, I am translating sections of the *Africa Bible Commentary* starting with Acts and John from English to (Ki-) Swahili. Second, I am preparing a proposal to extend my doctoral thesis into a series of books or into one large book. I am also teaching a course in African Christianity during this fall semester. We are having excellent debates in that class!

RH: You are delivering the Sadlier Lecture this year. Can you tell us a little more about this?

MA: My lecture is titled: "Secularization of Mission Education in Africa: A Historical Analysis with reference to Tanzania." I will look at the issues that hinge on the educational aspirations of Africans in early 20th century and the dramas that have unfolded among missions, British colonial government and African Christians. I am interested in those stories that are not well known but which have in many ways played a role in shaping African Christianity.

RH: What are your impressions of Wycliffe?

MA: It is a great privilege for me to study and work here. Wycliffe is for the entire evangelical world. For me, everything points to mission. Wycliffe is a place for academic inquiry, theological training and where apologists are formed. This is so important in the bigger picture: that we have a faith to proclaim and that we learn how to proclaim it. Therefore Wycliffe has a unique role in world mission and I hope that this is recognized by the local church here in Canada.

The Rev. Canon Dr. Mwita Akiri is General Secretary of the Anglican Church of Tanzania and is Wycliffe College's visiting scholar in the 2007-2008 school year.

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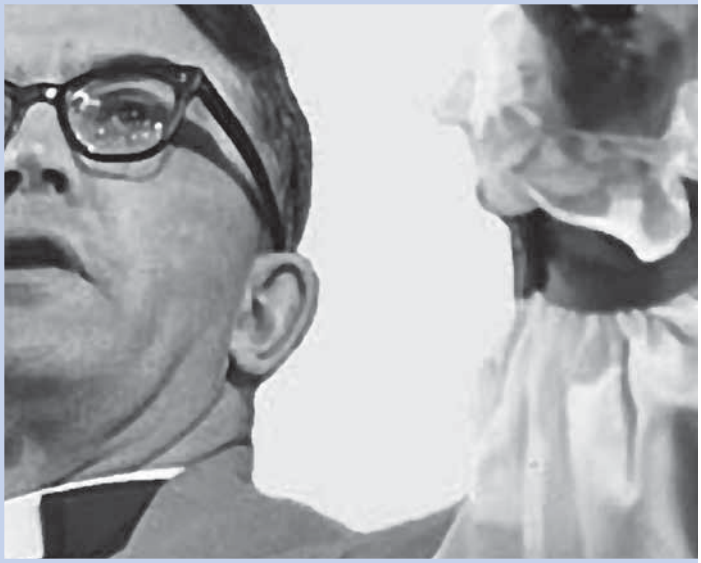

PHOTO: THE RT. REV. L.R. GARNSWORTHY, RENOWNED PREACHER AND WYCLIFFE GRADUATE, 1946.

Bishop F.H. Wilkinson, MM & Two Bars

BY GORDON MACKINNON

Frederick Hugh Wilkinson was born in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia in 1896 and moved to Toronto when his father became Rector of St. Peter's Anglican Church on Carlton Street. While a 19 year old student at Wycliffe College, he joined the 3rd Divisional Signals Company (number 541688) of the Canadian Engineers as a sapper. In France he was transferred to the 4th Divisional Signals Company and became one of only 38 Canadians to be awarded the Military Medal and Two Bars in either of the World Wars. Even more remarkable is the fact that the two bars were won in the same month!

The Military Medal was awarded for gallantry during the Battle of Vimy Ridge 9-10 April 1917 for his work in maintaining communication lines while under heavy shelling (*London Gazette* 9 July 1917). Appointed Lance-Corporal, he won the two bars in September 1918 during Canada's Hundred Days. The first Bar was earned at the Drocourt-Quéant line on 2 September (*London Gazette* 17 June 1919) and the second at Inchy-en-Artois on 27 September (*London Gazette* 11 March 1919). He was wounded in the left arm and hand in Bourlon Wood before September was over. L/Cpl. Wilkinson had also participated in the Somme battles in September 1916, Passchendaele October-November 1917, and Amiens August 1918.

He returned to the University of Toronto, graduated with a degree in Oriental Languages and was ordained as an Anglican minister. Canon F.H. Wilkinson was rector of Christ Church Brampton and later served as the rector of St. Paul's Anglican on Bloor Street East, the regimental church of the Queen's Own Rifles. He was elected Coadjutor Bishop of Toronto in 1952 and became Bishop of Toronto in 1955. He retired in 1966 and died in 1980.

Bishop Wilkinson had many degrees, honorary doctorates, and distinctions, among which was the curious episcopal appellation of 'Frederick Toronto.' He was proud of his service in the Great War, took a great interest in the veterans, and preferred to be known as 'Bishop F.H. Wilkinson, MM and Two Bars.'

Gordon MacKinnon is a member of the Soldiers' Tower Committee, UTAA

Spread the Word! Three lead donations pave the way for new Professorial Chair in Preaching and Worship

Wycliffe College celebrates the generosity of three donors who have generously made lead gifts to institute a new professorial chair of preaching and worship. Three anonymous donors have each provided lead cornerstone gifts of $250,000 to begin this work. Over $1 million has been raised towards the $2.15 million required to endow this new chair.

This chair is a first for Wycliffe and will be one of a small minority in North America that deliberately incorporates both preaching and worship in its purview.

The chair will not only serve to educate the broader theological student body within the Toronto School of Theology, most importantly, it will serve students across all of North America and beyond. We pray that through this investment in proclamation, Wycliffe College will become a preferred destination of divinity students where they will develop their gifts and hone their skills to exercise perhaps the greatest medium of evangelism: the spoken word.

If you would like more information about this project, please contact Rob Henderson in the Development Office at development@wycliffe.utoronto.ca or call 416 946-3538.

Faculty Coming and Goings

John Bowen
In August, John's book on *The Spirituality of Narnia: the Deeper Magic of C.S. Lewis,* was published. Orbis Books is to publish his edition of *The Letters of Vincent Donovan,* a pioneer missionary among the Maasai in Tanzania in the 1960s, a topic which he spoke on at Redeemer College in November. He spoke at a parish conference on evangelism at St. Paul's, Lamoreaux in Scarborough, in preparation for a mission weekend at the church in November. He was keynote speaker at the Synod of the Diocese of Algoma in October, and guest speaker at the clergy conference of the Diocese of Dallas in November. He was elected President of the Academy for Evangelism in Theological Education, a North American society of teachers of evangelism.

Terry Donaldson
In November Terry's new book entitled *Judaism and the Gentiles: Jewish Patterns of Universalism (to 135 CE)* (Baylor University Press) appeared. In October he presented a paper to the TST Homiletics Colloquium on the topic "Preaching the New Paul." He attended the annual meetings of the Society of Biblical Literature in San Diego in November where he spoke to interested students on doing a PhD in Biblical studies at the TST and responded to a paper on Albert Schweitzer as an interpreter of Paul's epistle to the Romans.

Alan Hayes
Alan Hayes has led a clergy retreat for the diocese of Edmonton, adult education courses at Trinity, Streetsville, and St. Simon's, Oakville, and a parish event at Whitefield, Ontario. He presented a paper on missions to the Iroquois at the historical celebration of the 400th anniversary of North American Anglicanism at Williamsburg, Virginia, in June, and he heads a new international committee sponsored by the Historical Society of the Episcopal Church on Anglican history and the First Nations. He has also convened a monthly group in Scriptural reasoning for Christian, Jewish, and Muslim professors, doctoral students, and chaplains in the University of Toronto.

Ann Jervis
Ann Jervis has been working on her Lilly funded project this fall. In November she was on a panel at SBL on 'Character Ethics and the Bible'. Ann continues as an honorary assistant at Church of the Redeemer, Toronto and also teaching half time at Trinity College. A recent highlight was her interview concerning her most recent book, *At the Heart of the Gospel,* on CBC Radio One's program Tapestry. She will be on sabbatical beginning January 1, 2008.

Joseph Mangina
Joseph Mangina has been named the editor-designate of the journal *Pro Ecclesia: A Journal of Catholic and Evangelical Theology.* Founded by Lutheran theologians and published under the aegis of the Center for Catholic and Evangelical Theology, *Pro Ecclesia* – the name means "for the Church" – tries to embody the spirit of going "back to the sources" of Scripture and the Christian tradition. The journal publishes biblical, liturgical, historical, and doctrinal articles that promote or illumine its purposes. Professor Mangina will appear on the masthead as co-editor throughout 2008, and will assume full responsibilities as editor starting with the first issue of 2009. *Pro Ecclesia* has one other Wycliffe connection: Professor Ephraim Radner serves on the Advisory Council.

Ephraim Radner
Ephraim has completed his first semester of full-time teaching at Wycliffe. In addition, in July he made presentations at the Oxford Consultation on the Anglican Covenant (Wycliffe Hall, Oxford). He led clergy retreats and conferences for the Dioceses of Saskatchewan, Mississippi, and Ontario. He participated in a panel discussion on the Arts and Religion at TST, and spoke on the "Theologian in the Public Square" at Trinity College. His theological commentary on Leviticus was published by Brazos Press in November.

David Reed
David Reed delivered a paper entitled, "Missionary Resources for an Indigenous Church – Case Study of the True Jesus Church (China)," at the University of Birmingham, UK, in June. He attended the Willow Summit Leadership Conference, Ajax, in August. He taught a Wycliffe Diploma course, "Caring Church, Caring People." He preached at a praise and worship service, Church of the Ascension, and led parish retreats for St. David's, Toronto, and St. Martin, Courtice. He was a panel member for Waterloo Deanery (Huron Diocese) Conference, on "Same Gender Blessings: Theological and Pastoral Considerations," in November.

Christopher Seitz

In his first semester at Wycliffe, new faculty member Chris Seitz taught a course on Hebrew Exegesis and Method. He delivered a memorial tribute to the noted Old Testament scholar, Brevard S Childs (Yale) at the International Society of Biblical Literature Conference, Vienna, Austria, in July. He gave the Deere Lectures at Golden Gate Theological Seminary in San Francisco in September, and the prestigious Hayward Lectures at Acadia Divinity School, Nova Scotia, in October. At the SBL annual meeting, San Diego in November he was a respondent to a paper on Old Testament Theology, and participated in other sessions on Pauline theology, and on prophecy and hermeneutics. From September to December he gave a Sunday evening preaching series at St. Mathew's, Toronto, entitled "The Orchestra of God, Old and New Testaments in the Church's Lectionary."

Marion Taylor

Marion Taylor participated in two ATS weekend events: one a conference for new faculty in Chicago where she shared her journey from lecturer to professor with new faculty as a means of mentoring for those new to the profession. She also participated in a women in leadership conference in Pittsburgh by offering a workshop on biblical models of male /female leadership. Her co-edited collection of essays entitled *Recovering Nineteenth-century Women Interpreters of the Bible* devoted to recovering women's forgotten writings on the Bible, appeared in October. She continues to teach Sunday School at the Church of the Resurrection, Toronto, where she also leads a monthly women's breakfast and Bible study.

REMEMBERING DONALD HUGH MACDONALD

Members of the Wycliffe College community are saddened to learn of the recent death of Donald MacDonald, of Niagara-on-the-Lake. Born in 1922, Don grew up in Oshawa, and studied engineering at the University of Toronto, during which time he lived in residence at Wycliffe College, making friends with many other students of the day. He spent his professional career in engineering, at one time working on the design of the Yonge Street subway line; over the years he received numerous professional and community awards.

Don always maintained his affection and support for Wycliffe, serving for many years on the Board of Trustees, the Property Committee, and later the Advisory Council.

A Memorial Service for Don MacDonald took place at St. Mark's Anglican Church in Niagara-on-the-Lake on Tuesday, November 13. Our sympathy and assurance of prayers are extended to Don's wife, Barbara, and their family.

Principal Emeritus Reg Stackhouse remembers Don from their student days. He writes:

He lived at Wycliffe during his four years as an engineering student, during which time he was active in the sports program, especially on the hockey team, and was always a stabilizing influence in the student body whenever controversy threatened. His business career was impressive as he rose to an executive position in ACRES, then a major Canadian corporation. Don remained a dedicated churchman, serving for some years as a trustee of the College, and an active member of the Niagara synod. (Ralph Spence would have known him well.) Early in the summer, Margaret, our daughter Ruth and I visited Don and his wife Barbara at their beautiful home overlooking the Niagara River where they had lived for many years. He was in good spirits and seemed to be improving in health. I understand cancer developed afterwards and took his life, but that day as we sat in his garden, he seemed to be coming 'up.' Don was an example of all that used to go into the accolade a Christian gentleman.' We are all better for having known him.

Celtic Christianity Tour to Ireland

Join Dr. Thomas Power on his tour of Ireland, 28 June-9 July, 2008. Visit early Irish monastic sites, the land of Patrick, art and architecture, literature, and view spectacular scenery. Experience expert lectures combined with conviviality. Enjoy folk theatre and traditional entertainment. Take the tour for course credit.

Full details of itinerary, accommodation, cost, course syllabus, and links at: http://individual.utoronto.ca/power/tour08/tour08.html

For further information call Tom at 416 946-3526 or thomas.power@utoronto.ca

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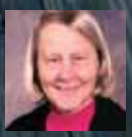

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