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Love God. Work for Justice.

BY SARAH PEAKE

THIS FALL, WYCLIFFE IS EXCITED TO launch a brand new program stream: the Master of Theological Studies in Urban and International Development. The program will provide a solid theological education and Christian worldview that honours and empowers others, teaming Wycliffe's faculty with experts and leaders in the relief and development sector. In creating the program, the college has partnered with nearly twenty development agencies that will provide field internships that will serve as the backbone of the program. A target of ten new students was set in the winter; to date, nearly fifteen have been accepted for September!

family food business, I now have a strong desire to learn about how I can be involved for the next 30 years in international development. I am so glad that Wycliffe is leading me along this path once again." Dr. Marion Taylor, who has been leading the development of the new program, noted, "It is very exciting to think that students fresh from undergrad, people with global experience, and Wycliffe alumni are all passionate about learning to serve in this way."

For information about the program, contact Sarah Peake in the Admissions Office at 416-946-3547 or sarah.peake@wycliffe.utoronto.ca.

Among the cohort of new students is Wycliffe alumnus, Denis Bell: "My passion for global cross-cultural relationships has been in a rather steep climb. After spending 30 years in our



Dear Brothers and Sisters...

GREETINGS IN CHRIST. Maybe the key question for an institution is not whether there is ferment, but where. I am most grateful that in this season of Wycliffe's life, we have a strong faculty with a wide diversity of interests, but a strongly unified sense of what we as a college should be up to, and a good sense of esprit de corps. This doesn't mean things are pacific, for in the realm of the curriculum we are in the midst of a lively debate. Given the challengingly post-Christian environment we foresee, some think a more traditional education with a very solid grounding in the classical disciplines is required; others think we had better be on the forefront of pioneer and missional initiatives – to that debate one can only reply "yes." And how are we to do all that while we impart the required skills for ordinary parish leadership, as bishops continue to remind us? How can we more fully integrate the technological gains we have made? We are looking ahead to a new stream for church planting. We are having our world rocked by more than a dozen theology and international development students in our first year up and running! How are these to be integrated into the standard assignments? And what about the debates among evangelicals themselves involved in development? And in the midst of all that, how can we be sure we attend to the formation of heart and emotion and character in our graduates? And make sure that praying as well as learning lies at the centre of what we do? The questions stream on and on, especially as we set out on our period of self-study (mandated by ATS and led so ably by Board member David Quayle). Do I know how all this will turn out? Nope. But is it exhilarating, and the fact that we are worrying about the right questions means we are where we need to be as a school.

All of what I am describing has of course taken place over the past year in the midst of a challenging financial picture. We have more students but a smaller bursary pie to divvy up, which presents its own problem, though it is obviously a good problem to have. We have done some belt-tightening, but feel that our mission is undeterred, and we are finding creative ways to try the new things we must do to continue to grow, numerically, theologically, spiritually. And of course all of this is taking place at a time in the life of the churches when the leadership of colleges like ours has never been greater. We are following where we believe we are being led by the Holy Spirit, both in the support of the church and out into the wider world in new, missionary ways.

It is an exciting time to be a theological college, and I thank you deeply for supporting us so generously and so loyally. We are grateful that you are with us in this endeavour, and we need continually your involvement, prayers, and support.

Come and enjoy the ferment as much as we are.

Peace,



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



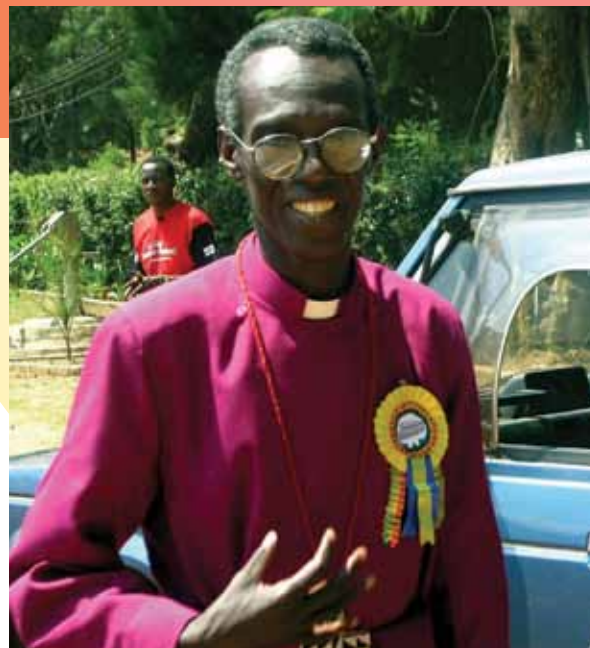
NEW SIGN FOR WYCLIFFE COLLEGE

After several years in the making, Wycliffe has now installed two new signs on campus. Through the support of the Tippet Foundation, the sign at 5 Hoskin Ave has now been replaced and a second identical sign has been planted in the lawn at Queen's Park Circle, signaling Wycliffe College to the thousands of commuters who pass by daily.

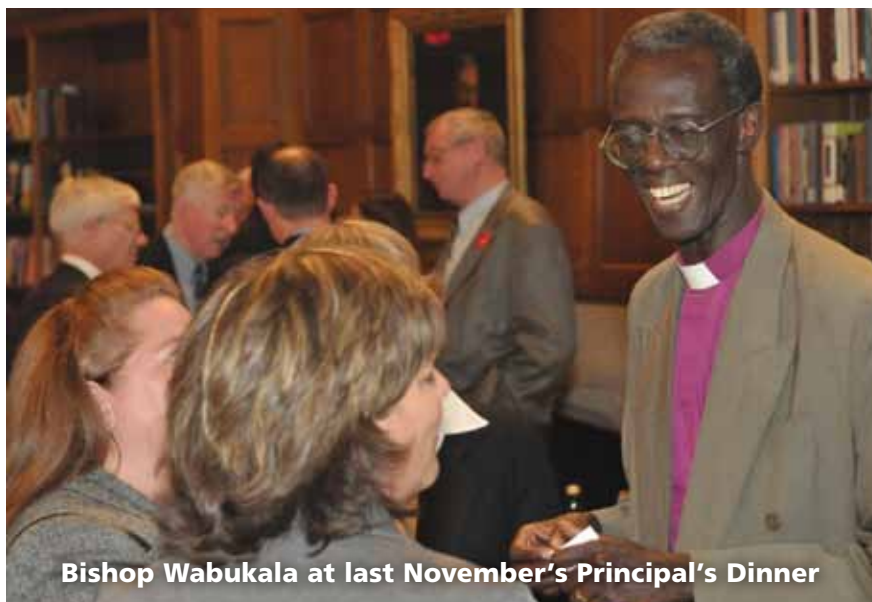
Announcements

Wycliffe Alumnus new Archbishop-elect of the Anglican Church of Kenya (ACK)

We are very proud to announce that the new Archbishop-elect of the Anglican Church of Kenya (ACK) is a member of the Wycliffe community. Archbishop Eliud Wabukala earned his Ph.D. at Wycliffe College in 1994 and recently returned to his alma mater last October to speak at the Principal's Dinner. In his speech he reflected upon his days here at the College and his deep attachment to and very fond memories of Wycliffe were foremost in his words.



Upon his election Bishop Wabukala's words reflect his commitment to peace and harmony, "I would like to thank the Anglican (church) and particularly the electoral college, for the peaceful election they have carried out, and for maintaining the integrity of the church... We know there are challenges to do with building bridges among our community, reconciling people and healing. We shall continue with where he has left. Our aim is to ensure the gospel is preached and taught..."



Bishop Wabukala at last November's Principal's Dinner

Save the Date

Sunday, October 4th • 11:00 a.m.

St. James' Cathedral

Founders' Day Service

Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Ephraim Radner

Tuesday, October 20th • 7:30 p.m.

Sheraton Hall – Wycliffe College

Lecture: "On Ethics"

Speaker: The Rev. Dr. Oliver O'Donovan

Wednesday, October 21st • 3:00 p.m.

Sheraton Hall – Wycliffe College

Lecture: "Theology of the Prayer Book"

Speaker: Dr. Joan O'Donovan

Thursday, November 19th

Special Event - Parish Challenge 2009

Build a team of four and test your team's biblical knowledge against 40 other teams, Wycliffe Faculty and Alumni.

Wednesday, November 25th • 3:00 p.m.

Reading Room – Wycliffe College

Sadlier Lecture

Speaker: The Rev. Canon Dr. Mwita Akiri, General Secretary of the Anglican Church of Tanzania

Wycliffe College Graduating Class of 2009

THE DEGREE OF
DOCTOR OF THEOLOGY
Heather Elizabeth Weir

THE DEGREE OF
MASTER OF THEOLOGY
Simon Sze Wang Wat
Alan Siu Kuen Wong

THE DEGREE OF
MASTER OF DIVINITY,
HONOURS
Christine Elizabeth Curley

THE DEGREE OF
MASTER OF DIVINITY

John Elwin Anderson
Nathan Carl Brinklow
Kathryn Lee Calzavara
Susan Elizabeth Channen
Richard Johnston Clark, Jr.
Jonathan Thomas Crane
Thomas Frederick Harry Dean
Adele-Marie Diffey
Angela Emerson
Melissa Joy Graham
Kari Xavier Marcelle
Brian Andrew Farnham Martin
Ian Allan Martin
Jennifer Alexandra Meek Sharman
Mark Henry Regis
Christopher James Roth
Peggy King Scott
Chelsy Layne Stevens
Chi Wai Samson Wu



THE DEGREE OF
MASTER OF THEOLOGICAL
STUDIES

Shawn Michael Boadway
Justin Edward Bradbury
Michael David Dyment
Lindsey Elizabeth Gallant
Brenda Christine Hammond
Paul Summers Hand
Jonathan Anthony Manafo
Imbi K. Medri-Kinnon
Dion Harold Oxford
Patrick Ryan Paulsen
Ruthia Byung-In Pak Regis
Colleen Ann Semkiw
David Keith Clayton Smith
John Benjamin Stewart
Scott Christopher Walker
Bruce Worthington

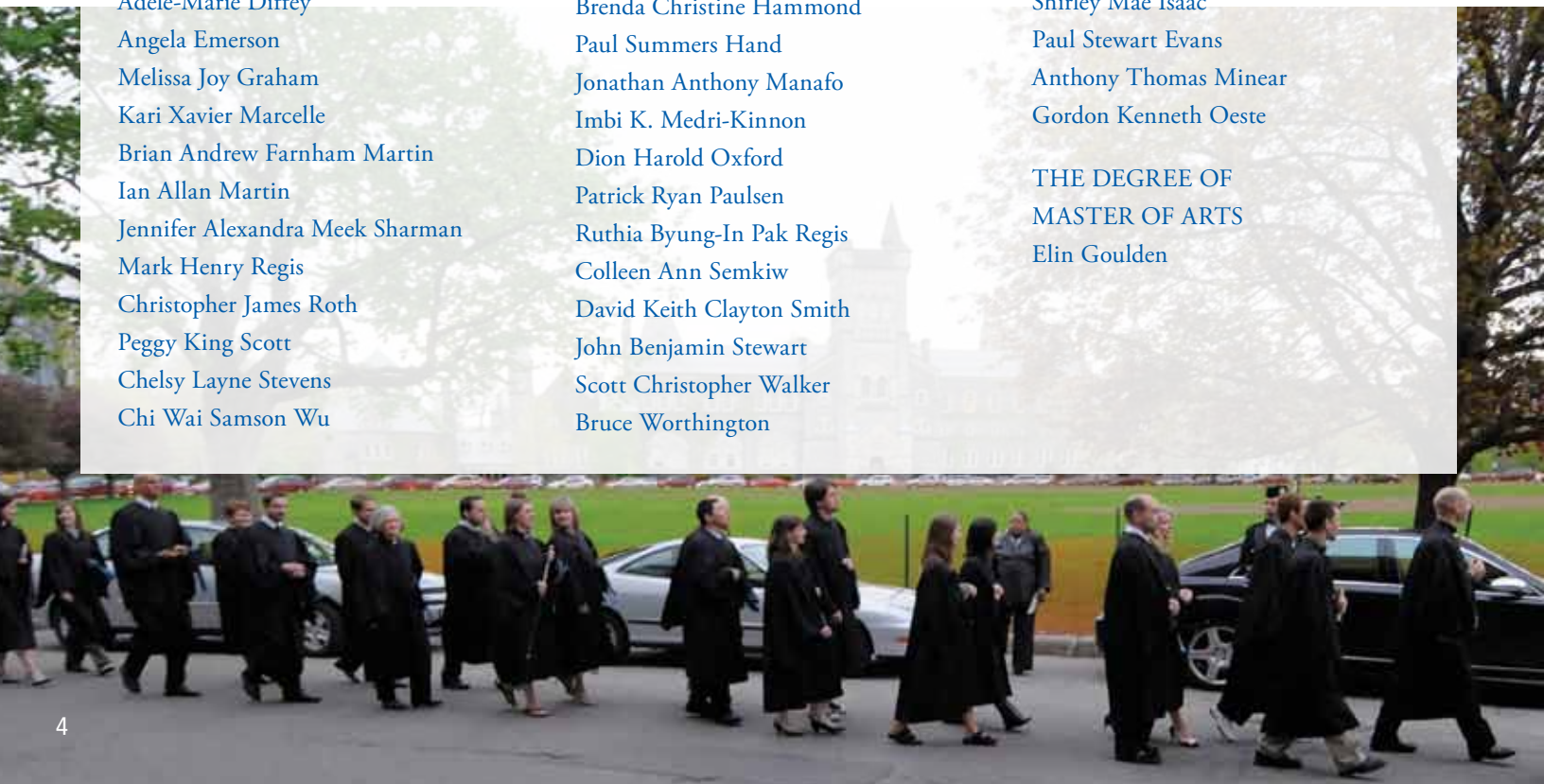
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MASTER OF RELIGION
Shannon Ecole Baines
Mari Jorstad

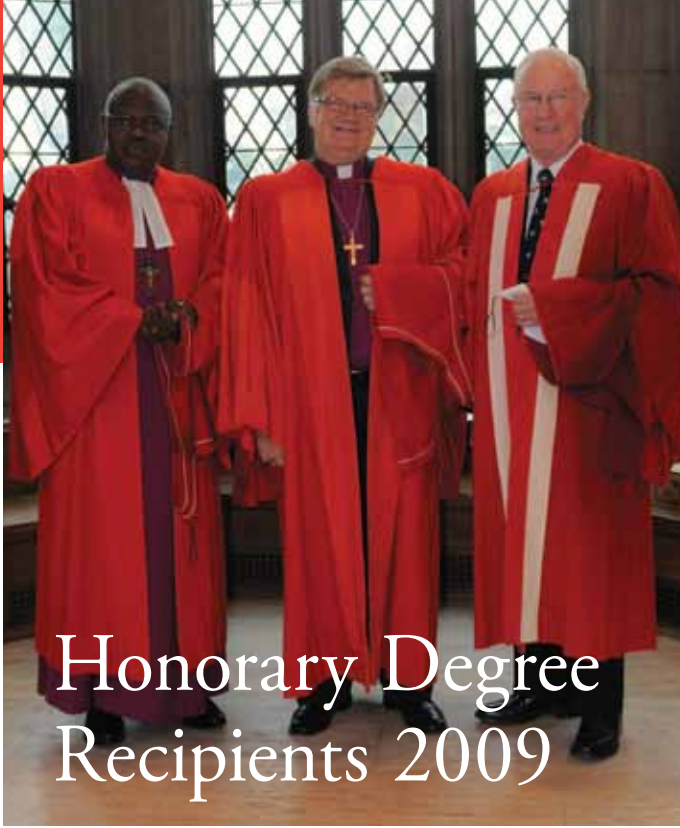
THE DIPLOMA IN
CHRISTIAN STUDIES
Catherine Ann First
Matthew Ian Irving
Terence Alan Wedge

DIPLOMA IN LAY MINISTRY
Alma Beston
Marilyn Irene Glover
Wenda Beverley Oades
Mark Allan Stephen
Joyce Virginia Walton
Rosemary Jane Winstanley
Fay Lillian Wood

THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF
PHILOSOPHY IN THEOLOGY
Girma Bekele
Shirley Mae Isaac
Paul Stewart Evans
Anthony Thomas Minear
Gordon Kenneth Oeste

THE DEGREE OF
MASTER OF ARTS
Elin Goulden





Honorary Degree Recipients 2009

LEFT: The Most Rev. John Sentamu is the 97th Archbishop of York and he is the second most senior cleric in the Church of England, after the Archbishop of Canterbury. Dr. Sentamu is well known for his passion and energy for social justice issues. Doctor of Divinity *Honoris Causa* MIDDLE: The Rt. Rev. Patrick White, W'93, was recently appointed the new Anglican Bishop of Bermuda. One of his main goals during his term of appointment is to work in conjunction with charities and organizations to help people in dire financial need. Doctor of Divinity *Honoris Causa* RIGHT: Ralph Sykes has had a varied and diverse career path, from Navy pilot to Chartered Accountant to farmer. However, for the past twenty years his volunteer duties as a Trustee of Wycliffe College has remained constant. Doctor of Divinity *Honoris Causa*.



The Ven. Robert Dann and Mrs. Suzie Dann being inducted as Fellows of Wycliffe College

WYCLIFFE FELLOWS 2009

The following individuals and families were inducted as Fellows of Wycliffe College on May 11th, 2009:

Heather Alloway
Robert Alloway
Joseph Aziz
Robert Dann
Suzie Dann
Donald Gibson

Douglas Grant
Ruth Grant
Virginia Leach
William Leach
Ken Macdonald
Wendy Macdonald



Religion in a Pluralist

BY JOHN BOWEN

THINGS LOOK DIFFERENT DEPENDING whether you are inside or the outside. “Religion” is one of these. There is a secular view — that of a person looking at “religious” people from the outside as an observer. And then there is the view of the “religious” person looking at a thing called “religion” that they are inside.

To the outsider, religion seems an odd, unnecessary phenomenon — quaintly old-fashioned, cumbersome, and (frankly) irrelevant. Of course, as a pluralist society, we proudly proclaim that we tolerate all religions — at least, we do when they are well-behaved and confine themselves to what consenting adults do in private. Their sphere is precisely the “religious one” — presumed to concern an individual’s “spirituality” (another useful category), though quite what that is we are not sure.

To the religious insider — well, I can’t speak for all religions, because to lump them all together would be to fall into a secular way of thinking, but as a Christian insider — my “religion” seems somewhat different. It’s not just a corner of my life where I “practice my spirituality” — though I acknowledge there may be some “religions” which would characterize themselves that way. For me, Christian faith is like life itself, as important to me as the air I breathe, perhaps more so. And, as such, it affects everything I am and think and do. Thus, for example, I cannot separate politics and religion, much though the secular world would like me to. To take only one example, “love your neighbour as yourself” has profound political implications.

But the insider view and the outsider view are not equally balanced in our culture. In 1793, Emmanuel Kant wrote *Religion within the Bounds of Reason Alone*.

Whatever Kant’s personal faith, the title neatly summarises a secular attitude to religion. As I look at religion from the outside, he says, in effect, my reason will tell me what in the world of religion I will accept and which I will reject. And it is clear where the final authority lies.

Such is the power of the secular in our culture that there is a real temptation for the Christian is to jump to attention and salute the flag of secular reason, and say, “Oh, you will find my religion perfectly reasonable — unlike that of those awful Fundamentalists. Even the requirement of faith is quite reasonable, you will find. And I’m sure we can find a way around those stories of the supernatural so that your reason is not offended.”

But why do we think and respond this way? Mainly, I believe, because we feel pressure to do so from a worldview that is popular, persuasive and (frankly) oppressive — not least because it claims to be absolute truth.

However, the claims of secularism need to be deflated. After all, secularism is just a worldview, like any other. If there is a secular view which creates a manageable category called “religion,” Christians also have a view of secularism. Secular rationalism begins with great faith (note the word) in the power of unaided human reason to understand all things. If you start there, you will naturally end

with a worldview which places human beings at the centre, and God and “religion” at the periphery — if indeed God figures into your conclusion at all. But the whole thing is built on a shaky foundation — trust in human rationality. And what rational grounds do you have for starting there in the first place?

If, however, your starting point is God and the revelation of God in Jesus Christ, known in the Bible and the community of God’s people, then your worldview will be radically different. You seek to think about all of life with “the mind of Christ.” There is no secular/sacred distinction: that itself is a secular concept. Is there a place for reason in that worldview? Of course: rationality is part of the image of God (“Come, let us reason together”), and Jesus tells us to love God with all of our mind. Hence the title of the 1976 book by Reformed philosopher Nicholas Wolterstorff, *Reason within the Bounds of Religion* — a deliberately Christian alternative to Kant.

So can these two points of view communicate? The majority, secular view of “religion” and the minority, Christian view of Christianity? The answer is yes — if we are aware that there are indeed two views, and that the latter does not have to apologise for its existence.

There are then two possibilities. One is the direct one. In answer to a question

When you look at them from the inside view of religion which is basically people from the point-of-view of an person themselves, and how they see this

like: “So you go to church. Are you religious then?” one can answer: “Well, of course, Christianity isn’t really a religion in the sense in which you mean it. In fact, the first Christians were accused of being atheists, since their faith had none of the usual trappings of ‘religion’. So I like to think of myself as a follower of Jesus, rather than religious.”

The other approach — the indirect one — is to begin by provisionally accepting the premises of the other person, and trusting that the differences will emerge in the course of conversation. I recall a clergyman being accosted by a young woman on a train with the words, “I see you’ve joined religion.” He wondered whether to challenge the form of the question, but finally said, “Yes, I have. Why do you ask?” And a significant conversation about Christian faith opened up.

Whichever way we approach such conversations, our goal — and prayer — is the same, that outsiders to “religion” will become insiders to Christian faith.

*John Bowen is Professor of Evangelism at Wycliffe and Director of the Institute of Evangelism
www.institute.wycliffecollege.ca*

The Rt. Rev. Geoffrey Parke-Taylor, W'44 1920-2009



The Right Reverend Geoffrey Parke-Taylor is remembered by family and friends for his keen mind, sense of humour and gentle spirit. He touched many lives during the course of his pastoral service and likewise, his rich academic career served to form many of the men and women who now hold positions of authority in the Church.

It was the rector of his local Anglican Church in St. John, New Brunswick that encouraged Geoffrey to make an appointment in September, 1938 to meet Dr. R.B. McElheran, then Principal of Wycliffe College. Dr. McElheran was under the impression that he was there regarding his entry to Wycliffe, but in fact Geoffrey had no plans to enrol at that time due to his financial situation. He explained this to Dr. McElheran who exclaimed — “God is not bankrupt!” and Geoffrey was given a full scholarship. After Geoffrey completed his graduate studies, Dr. Ramsay Armitage (successor to McElheran) drafted him to teach Old Testament. Professor Parke-Taylor did so from 1946-1951.

Geoffrey’s first book, published in 1975, was titled: *Yahweh: The Divine Name in The Bible*. Following his retirement in 1985, he began his award-winning second book, which he worked on diligently for 15 years — *The Formation of the Book of Jeremiah: Doublets and Recurring Phrases*. He completed the book at the age of 80 and the opus stands as a major contribution to Old Testament studies today.



THANK YOU!

Rob Henderson, Director of Development

We recognize that our world continues to move in economically difficult times. For many of us, this presents varied challenges and strains. For Wycliffe College, it is both an encouraging and challenging time. It is encouraging because we will receive a record-setting number of students this fall: men and women who have chosen Wycliffe over the rest as their best option and this is truly a reflection of the faculty and community life Wycliffe offers. It is a challenging time too because our great hope this fall is to give each of these students the best possible opportunities to learn while extending as much financial aid and daily support as we can.

It was donor support that provided the means for Prof. Parke Taylor to study at Wycliffe in 1944 and this tradition continues today. Wycliffe College needed your help this past year and you answered the call. Thank you very much for your prayers and financial support. Your support today and tomorrow continues to help so many respond to God’s call.



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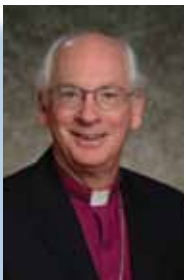
Alumni/ae

NEWS



Greetings from Wycliffe

– by Bishop Peter Mason, Editor



Dear Friends,

It is always a pleasure to send you greetings on behalf of your fellow Wycliffe grads, together with a fine assortment of individual updates with various pieces of news, ministry achievements, and family comings and

goings. This edition of the Newsletter is no exception, with reports from Africa, Great Britain, the U.S., and across Canada. And as always the Newsletter reflects Wycliffe's increasingly ecumenical character, as well as a mixture of lay and ordained ministries. I hope you will enjoy catching up with some of your fellow alumni/ae.



Scenes from Alumni AGM 2009



ALUMNI/AE ASSOCIATION WELCOME BACK BBQ

Wednesday September 10, 2009, Wycliffe College, Toronto

If you plan to be in Toronto on September 10th, please join us in welcoming all returning and new students to Wycliffe. This will be a wonderful chance for Alumni/ae to meet future graduates, show our support for them and even offer some sage advice!

Alumni Updates

From the 40's

The Rev. George B. Davidson, W'46.

One of Wycliffe's oldest alumni writes from his home in Voorhees, New Jersey, where he is gratefully recovering from a heart attack. George began his ministry as a curate at the Church of the Epiphany, Toronto; within two years he had moved to the Episcopal Church, serving in the Dioceses of Pittsburgh, Bethlehem, and New Jersey. Now a widower, he continues to take a keen interest in the affairs of the church, and in particular in the welfare of Wycliffe College which he prays for and supports faithfully. Continued blessings, sir.

From the 50's

Ms Joan Lew, W'56. A serious aneurysm and an approaching 80th birthday, have not kept Joan from a fascinating ministry of witness and service. At the time of writing she was about to head to the Ukraine with a team from the International Teachers' Institute, as guests of the Education Department of Kiev, to teach Teachers of English! "For the first week we will teach ESL methods. The second week we will use the bible as our text book to teach Moral Strategies. At the end of that lesson we will give each teacher an English bible...Some of the teachers may be Christians but on the whole they are not as they have been deprived of Christian teaching and worship for so many years...they are so thrilled to receive a bible that they often spend the first night just skimming through the bible instead of preparing their lesson!...this will be my sixth trip to the former Soviet Union...our aim is to "shine for Jesus"...please pray for us.

The Rev. Dr. Marney Patterson, W'56.

Marney continues to do the work of an evangelist, and has done so for the last 42 years. In 2008 with his Invitation to Live Team, he shared the good news in Mexico, Tanzania, and Kenya, as well as in the Canadian Arctic, and at Wycliffe. He also was a delegate to the GAFCon Assembly in Jerusalem. The team plans to minister in Mexico this September and again in the Arctic. Marney asks for prayer in discerning future ministry in several African countries.

Mrs. Frances Lemmon Evans,

A.W.T.C. 58. After a full life in various parts of the country, Frances has recently moved from Port McNicoll to Creemore, Ontario, where she was born and grew up. After 50 years away, she finds many changes in the village, but is enjoying the quiet life and Creemore's small-town atmosphere.

From the 60's

The Rev. Canon Tom Gracie, W'60. Tom and **Betty, Hon. 98,** have ministered in several Ontario communities including Minden, Toronto, and Bowmanville, where they continue to reside. Despite coping with Parkinson's disease for nearly 15 years, Tom still manages to enjoy contacts with many of his Wycliffe friends and contemporaries. And a small dog aptly named 'Guimauve' (a.k.a. Marshmallow) keeps them company. Tom concludes, "We remember many of you at our breakfast prayer time."

The Rev. Dr. David Sinclair, W'62, continues to provide Interim Ministry at Trinity Memorial Church, Montreal, where they have an exciting project, sharing space in a massive building with a historic Montreal library. David's wife the Rev.

Georgia Copland is interim minister of the Argenteuil Pastoral Charge of the United Church. Recently they welcomed their 11th grandchild into their combined family, and jointly pronounced the Invocation at a Queen's University Convocation, celebrating their class's 50th anniversary reunion.

The Rev. David Rankin, W'66 has "kind of" retired from the Parish of St. Edmund King and Martyr. However he continues his support of the parish food bank and a centre for Sudanese refugees. David writes at some length of his early experiences in ministry through which he learned the importance of intentional listening, entering into the emotions and feelings of others. This learning was sparked by the supervised pastoral education program sponsored by Wycliffe and other sister colleges, and encouraged by Dr. Maurice Flint. Over the years David has been able to enter the world of Cree First Nations people, the world of children, and former residents of residential schools.

From the 70's

The Rev. Garry MacDowall, W'73, continues to provide interim ministry in the Diocese of Brandon, wherever needed. Currently he resides in the community of Minnedosa, Manitoba, where he also serves as a town councillor; at the moment they are struggling to build a skating rink and a new town hotel. And recently Garry led a successful campaign to raise \$14,000 for a new elevator in the local Anglican Church. How? By challenging individuals to pledge \$1-5.00 per pound lost during the season of Lent! They reached their goal with room to spare!

Alumni Updates

Timothy L. Thomas, W'73, has served as associate professor and associate academic dean at Asbury College in Kentucky for the last 27 years. Recently he was appointed Registrar at Tyndale University College and Seminary. Welcome back to Toronto, Timothy and Joyce.

Archdeacon Tom Corston, W'75, has been rector of the Church of the Epiphany in Sudbury for nearly 12 years. Tom and Ruth recently celebrated the graduation of their oldest son as a fish and wildlife technologist, and are grateful that he has found work in that same field. Tom represents the Diocese of Algoma on the Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples and will participate in this summer's Sacred Circle. He looks forward to a mini-sabbatical in November at St. George's College, Jerusalem, followed by a brief stay with the SSJE in London.

The Rev. Andrew Hoskin, W'76, and his wife Mary Lou, will lead a team of eight parishioners from St. Thomas' Church, Thunder Bay, on a mission trip to Angola, in July. There they will work at the Evangelical Medical Centre of Lubango, supporting Dr. Stephen Foster, a veteran medical missionary in Angola.

The Rev. George Rogers, W'78, now lives and works in a growing renewal-oriented Parish of Warrington in the Diocese of Peterborough, England. George believes their church is on the cusp of significant spiritual and numerical growth as their people mature in their faith. May it be so, George.

From the 80's

The Rev. Grahame Thompson, W'80, has served as a Canadian Forces chaplain for many years. Recently he completed a 5 year

posting in Toronto and is now heading to CFB Gagetown as team leader of chaplains at the Combat Training Centre.

The Rev. Dr. Michael Knowles, W'82 & 91, continues to teach preaching at McMaster Divinity School in Hamilton, Ontario. Last year Michael completed a substantial study of St. Paul's theology of preaching in 2 Corinthians, *We Preach Not Ourselves: Paul on Proclamation*. This has led to several recent speaking engagements, including a Lenten series at St. James' Cathedral, Toronto, the Nicholson lectures at the Atlantic School of Theology, Halifax, and a workshop at Wycliffe's *Refresh!* conference, and an adult Christian Education Workshop at Trinity Church, Streetsville, in Mississauga. And after a year-long evaluation process, Michael has just been promoted to the rank of full professor. Well done, Michael!

The Rev. Canon Terry Leer, W'82. After 14 years in Fort McMurray, the Leers moved to Grande Prairie in 2007. The major thrust of Terry's ministry has been the renovation – both physical and spiritual – of the parish. The former was necessitated by a major flood leading to black mould in the basement, requiring more than a year's efforts to restore the building to usefulness. The newly-renovated hall has given some energy to spiritual renewal as well, focussing on the addition of contemporary music to the steady diet of traditional hymnody. "The digital projector is beginning to get a workout." Terry further asks for prayers as the Diocese of Athabasca is about to choose a new bishop.

The Rev. Peter Armstrong, W'89, has had a strong and faithful ministry in the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island,

for 20 years. Recently he has signed on for the Wycliffe / Toronto School of Theology Doctor of Ministry program. With studies, parish, and family life, there will be little spare time in the Armstrong household.

From the 90's

Dr. Nell DeBoer, W'90 & 02. Nell has been a valued member of the Wycliffe community for over 20 years, having earned two degrees and having participated in many of the alumni/ae and social events at the college. A lay leader within the Christian Reformed Church, Nell has dedicated her ministry to hospital chaplaincy; since 1995 she has served as spiritual chaplain for the Toronto Hospital Ministry of the Christian Reformed Church. Recently she retired from this position, but undoubtedly will continue to play an active role in meeting the needs of her church community.

Dr. Gary Graber, W'91 & 07, is delighted to announce that in October 2008, he wed Lynne Leclerc of Ottawa, where they now reside. Gary is continuing his teaching duties with the James Settee College in Saskatchewan and Thornloe University in Sudbury. As well he teaches history courses online at Wycliffe. Congratulations, Gary and Lynne!

The Rev. Peter Lurvey, W'91, writes... "after three years in Coaldale Alberta, I have accepted a call to serve as pastor at Christ Lutheran Church, Winnipeg, trading desert and high winds for tons of snow, flooding, and mosquitoes the size of hoot owls. God has a sense of humour." Indeed.

Ms. Mary E. Allen, W'92. For many years Mary has served at All Saints' Church, Dundas Street, Toronto, in inner-

Alumni Updates



Justin Bradbury (L) with church member

city ministry, with a particular concern for non-profit housing. Now most of her work involves helping Seniors who want to stay in their own homes rather than entering nursing homes. One of her most enjoyable Wycliffe memories includes courses taught by **Dr. Tony Tyndale** and his wife **Penelope**.

The Rev. David Phillips, W'95, has been rector of the Anglican Parishes of Petite Riviere and New Dublin on the South Shore of Nova Scotia. He plans to leave the parish in September for an extended period of reading and writing. Have a profitable and re-creating time, David.

The Rev. Peter Mills, W'96, and his wife Trish, look forward to the 2009 Summer Collegium at Virginia Theological Seminary, a special program supporting pastors and spouses working in small congregations. They have already been busy reading books, conducting interviews, and writing papers for the conference. They look forward to developing fresh ideas and renewed vision for these challenging and exciting days.

From the 2000's

Dr. Shelley Tidy, W'2000, has had a very productive ministry in hospital chaplaincy which began several months before she graduated from Wycliffe. She took early retirement in 2005, but maintained her chaplaincy connections as Chair of the Ontario Central Region of CAPPE. Shelley has also been an active member of the Wycliffe Alumni/ae Association Executive, chair of the Bishop of Toronto's Committee on Healing, and a member of the Diocesan Chaplaincy Committee. In 2008 she completed a Doctor of Ministry degree at Colgate Rochester Crozer Theological School. Currently Shelley enjoys singing in

the choir at St. Paul's Church, Bloor Street, Toronto, and with her husband delights in her children and six grandchildren.

The Rev. Amy Bunce, W'02 now works part time as a priest at St. Stephen's Church, Saskatoon, having moved from Lethbridge in 2006. Her husband, Wyndham Thiessen, is the executive director of the fledgling L'Arche Saskatoon community where people with and without disabilities share life together. Their two boys, Henry and Wesley, are full of energy. Recently Amy wrote a bible study for youth about Jean Vanier and L'Arche called "Choosing our Future" out of a conviction that L'Arche has a message for the church.

Dr. Mark Bowald, W'04, is currently Assistant Professor of Religion and Theology at Redeemer University in Ancaster, Ontario. In April he received the Colin Gunton Memorial Prize at the annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Theology in the Netherlands. His article entitled "The Character of Theological Interpretation of Scripture" will be featured in a forthcoming issue of the International Journal for Systematic Theology. Well done, Mark.

Mr. Paul Gilson, W'06, is currently considering the possibility of chaplaincy with Correctional Services, and is taking further studies with this vocation in mind.

The Rev. Benjamin Mbago, W'06, writes from St Philip's Theological College in Manyoni, Tanzania, that he, his wife Sophia, and their four children, are eagerly anticipating the closing of the college for the 'long holiday' until early August. Who can blame them!

The Rev. Ryan Sim, W'06, has resigned from the Parish of Kitley in the Diocese of Ontario, as he and his wife Kristen move to Toronto where Ryan will become Associate Priest for Community Life Ministries at St. Paul's Church, Bloor Street. He continues to be involved with Wycliffe's Institute of Evangelism and Fresh Expressions Canada, where he designed and manages their web site.

The Rev. Dr. Richard R. Topping, W'06 has recently been appointed to the St. Andrew's Hall Chair of Studies in the Reformed Tradition, with teaching responsibilities at both the Vancouver School of Theology and Regent College.

Justin Bradbury, W'09, is the Lead Pastor of Southlands Community Church in Winnipeg. Together with his wife, Angie, and their 3 children, they have developed a creative ministry as part of a city-wide program called "Love Winnipeg." Recently their congregation delivered care packages to 180 homes in their neighbourhood, collected 100 bags of litter, and offered a free car wash for some 130 vehicles. Among new church members is a former Buddhist whom Justin recently baptized. He adds... "Jesus continues to change lives and extend his Kingdom, for which we give Him all the praise."

The Rev. Susan Channen, W'09, is delighted to tell the Wycliffe community of her recent ordination in the Diocese of Niagara. She has begun ministry at St. Philip's-by-the-Lake in Grimsby. "This is a part time ministry" she writes, "but Grimsby has been growing so there is scope for evangelization and revitalization in this ministry."



FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE: Mrs. Margaret Stackhouse

On May 13, 2009, the Wycliffe College Alumnae Association awarded the Archdeacon Harry St. Clair Hilchey Alumni/ae Award for Distinguished Service to Margaret Stackhouse. Margaret was unable to attend the ceremony in person but her spirit and presence was felt in the very moving and eloquent tribute by her friend, Dr. Shelley Tidy, Class of 2000. The following is an excerpt from Shelley's speech:

"Harry Hilchey himself said it best. In his book *Trials and Triumphs of Women in Ministry*, his essay on Margaret entitled

"Margaret's Memories" encapsulates her remarkable sixty-year association with Wycliffe College. She began as one of the "Deacs," deaconesses-in-training, who:

"trekked the almost two miles daily from the Church of England Deaconess and Missionary Training House...at 179 Gerrard Street to the College to receive theological instruction alongside their male counterparts...they were not considered Wycliffe students even though they took most lectures with the men and wrote the same papers and examinations. When they graduated they did not receive the L.Th. (that was reserved for the men) but rather the AWTC graduation certificate."

Margaret must surely rejoice in the great numbers of women who now graduate each year from Wycliffe College.

Margaret married Senior Student Reginald Stackhouse in her graduation year and began a ministry of Christian witness, love, and commitment. Her special aura encompassed not only her husband and

family, along with the parishes they served, but also and always Wycliffe College. She has been a Wycliffe student, the wife of a Wycliffe professor, a loving mother and for ten years, the gracious and hospitable chatelaine of the Principal's Lodge.

She has kept in touch with alumni/ae and clergy around the world, passing on their news to others, most recently to the group she and Reg started at the College a few years ago and named, so appropriately, the Friends of Wycliffe.

At St. Paul's Bloor Street in Toronto, Margaret and Reg have occupied the same pew for a number of years, facing a cross-aisle where parishioners have been able to stop by to visit prior to the service. Margaret may now be hampered by physical disability, and her presence at St. Paul's Sunday by Sunday is greatly missed, but she continues, in thought and in prayer, to be a significant force; a woman of depth, generosity, and compassion."

WE REMEMBER THOSE ALUMNI "CALLED HOME" IN 2008-2009

I N M E M O R I A M

The Rev. Arthur S. Allerton, W'66 * Ms. Nancy Arnold, W'2008

The Rev. Theron B. Buchanan, W'53 * Mr. Fred Burnard W'2006 * The Rev. T.C. George, W'52
The Rev. Kenneth Hill, W'59 * The Rev. Douglas E. Noel W'42 * The Rev. Stephen M. Oliver, W'58

The Rt. Rev. Geoffrey Parke-Taylor, W'44 * Mr. Laurence Phillips, W'43

The Rev. John K. Scott-Frampton, W'57 * The Rev. Canon Carol A. Skidmore, W'86

The Rev. Douglas D. Stewart, W'55 * The Rev. Canon Wayne G. Thomas, W'76

The Rt. Rev. Stephen Wang, W'48 * The Rev. George Westbrook, W'29

Ms. Elizabeth Wilson, W'99

'...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