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Distance Learning Pilot Project a Great Success!

BY SARAH PEAKE

The idea for a new way of teaching theology to lay people developed on a napkin over lunch at the University of Toronto. Dr. George Sumner, Principal of Wycliffe College and Robert Alloway, president of the Caritate Foundation, talked about the many barriers that lay people face in accessing theological education, including time, work-life balance, and distance from the Wycliffe campus. By the time coffee was served, a solution – internet and video-based classes through Wycliffe's Centre for Lay Education – had emerged.

"We have a gifted faculty, but their time is limited, and many people find it difficult to come into the city for four weeks of classes. This plan seemed to be the best way to bridge the gap," Principal Sumner says. Soon after the lunchtime meeting, Caritate Foundation committed support for the idea, and in May 2008, St. Bride's Church in Clarkson hosted Wycliffe's first-ever webcast course. The pilot hosted 40

participants in Clarkson and another 10 students in the classroom at Wycliffe. The course, titled, *The Old Testament as Our Story*, was presented by Dr. Marion Taylor, Professor of Old Testament at Wycliffe. It traced the theme of promise throughout the O.T., and addressed the many barriers that readers often face when reading through the O.T. scriptures.

The format for delivery is simple: a webcast introduction by the professor, followed by a series of short, pre-recorded lectures, with small group discussion periods interspersed. At the end of the lecture segments, the webcast continues, and participants from both sites have a chance to ask questions directly to the professor. As with other courses at the Centre for Lay Education, students have the option of auditing the sessions, or, by completing a series of readings and assignments, earning a half credit towards Wycliffe's Diploma in Lay Ministry.

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Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul

Dear Friends:

Greetings in Christ! There was a famous general in the American civil war who found his out-numbered cavalry surrounded in the woods. His lieutenant asked him which way they should go. He responded “divide in two and charge both ways.” (He managed to escape). I think that people involved in theological education feel something similar these days. On the one hand is the imperative to make education more accessible and affordable, particularly by the use of technology and innovative formats. On the other hand is the call to provide a theologically rigorous and spiritually formative education in a forgetful and confused age. The old camp song “Deep and Wide” would seem to point to two opposing choices. This all may sound familiar if you are a pastor. How does one make faith graspable and inviting for the seeker, the newcomer, and at the same time, how does one challenge the believer with the riches of the tradition, the “godly heritage” he or she has inherited? But surely one does not want to put things this way, as if it were a “Power Point vs. Prayer Book” competition.

Theology ought to help us to reframe such seeming contraries by going back to something more basic. Behind the imperative of both the seeker and the believer-in-formation should be a theology of the Word. Both need to hear the Word of grace. The imperative of accessibility goes back to the Reformation emphasis on the vernacular, on making the Word hearable. And we explore the tradition more deeply because there is more of the Word in its polyvalent richness yet to hear. Reaching out and digging down are both dimensions of a theology of the Word. So it follows that a serious evangelically Anglican theological education had better be deeply traditional; heavy on Scripture, the great tradition, and the spiritual disciplines; and evangelistically innovative and attuned as well.

The theologically-informed, evangelistically-interested renewal of pastoral practice: that is what Wycliffe is about, and so is this issue of INSIGHT as well. At our wonderful Refresh! conference this year, featuring Marva Dawn and Graham Kendrick, an interesting consensus emerged about contemporary worship which was theologically serious and wary of commercialization. In this issue you will read about our honouring of Andrew Stirling and our expectation of a visit by Fleming Rutledge, evidence of the seriousness we place on the renewal of preaching for the contemporary Church. The clearest indicator of this is the prominence of this issue is our capital campaign, *Spread the Word!* On the access and innovation side of the aisle, you will hear that we have tried an experiment in making lay teaching more available technologically through the electronic broadcasting of lectures, thanks to the Caritate Foundation, and that we aim to expand the reach of the Institute of Evangelism (also a goal of our campaign). We, of course, count ourselves blessed to be a community that includes Gospel Christians from a number of Protestant denominations. At the same time we are intent on rediscovering and prizing the best in our Anglican tradition. So you will also read how Bishop Victoria Matthews made a great contribution to our community by teaching and overseeing our chapel this spring. You will hear exciting news of a conference coming up in November called “Anglicanism – A Gift in Christ”, one of whose participants is our own honorary grad N.T. Wright. And you will read one case in point of a bright young leader and future scholar who has become an Anglican and a parish priest, Patrick McManus. We warmly and urgently invite you to join us in our ministry of the Word on behalf of the recovery and the spread of the faith which is at once deep and wide.

Peace,

The Rev. Canon Dr. George Sumner

Principal and Helliwell Professor of World Mission

Distance Learning Pilot Project a Great Success!

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“The pilot sessions were a great success!” Susan Finlay, a member at St. Bride’s said, “It is like being in the classroom at Wycliffe. You can ask questions at the end of (the lectures). It was so interesting that I want to read Ruth, Judges and Joshua all over again.”

Others noted how the technology made it possible to learn from someone of Dr. Taylor’s calibre, without leaving the home community. The Rev. Stephen Peake, rector at St. Bride’s, was pleased that so many people were able to attend the sessions.

“This has been a great experience. We feel very fortunate to have worked with Wycliffe and Dr. Taylor on this project.”

“The potential for delivering additional courses in this way is very exciting,” says Principal Sumner. “We are planning courses by

many of our faculty, on many topics: preaching for lay readers, various books of the Bible and the spirituality of Narnia, just for starters.”

As the future of this project evolves, Wycliffe is happy to be partnered with communications experts, Medri Kinnon Productions Ltd. Medri Kinnon has proposed an easy-to-use system that parishes will be able to use to replicate the pilot project in their own churches and from homes.

If you or your faith community would like to learn more about *The Old Testament as our Story* and other Wycliffe faculty-led video-based courses, contact Sarah Peake at Wycliffe.

(sarah.peake@wycliffe.utoronto.ca or 416-946-3535 x 2500).

ANGLICANISM ~ A GIFT IN CHRIST

The Anglican Communion Institute (ACI), St. Paul’s Anglican Church, Bloor Street, Toronto and Wycliffe College are hosting an event for the public, November 25-27, 2008, at St Paul’s, called *Anglicanism – A Gift in Christ*. Speakers include the **Rt. Rev. N.T. Wright** (Durham, UK), the **Rt. Rev. Josiah Idowu-Fearon** (Nigeria) the **Rev. Dr. Jo Bailey Wells** (Duke Divinity School),

Dr. Edith Humphrey (Pittsburgh Theological Seminary), and the **Rev. Dr. George Sumner**. The speakers will address a special subject area (New Testament, Christianity and Islam, Old Testament, Hymnody, Mission) and the way Anglicanism forms a context for their work. Enrollment is limited to 225. For more information contact christopher.seitz@wycliffe.utoronto.ca or 416-946-3551 .



Wycliffe Announces Fleming Rutledge as Preacher-in-Residence for Fall 2008

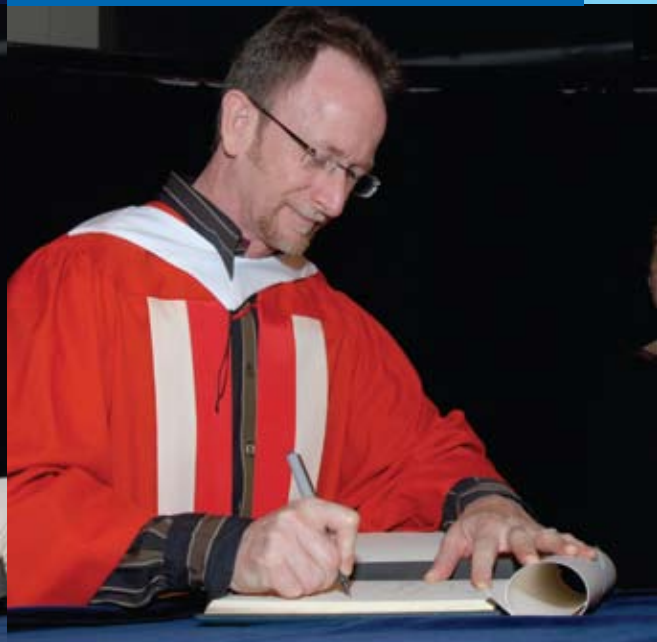
Wycliffe College is proud to announce that the **Rev. Fleming Rutledge** will be Preacher-in-Residence during the fall term 2008. Fleming was a parish priest for more than 20 years in New York City and is now engaged in a ministry of preaching and teaching. While at Wycliffe, Fleming will be teaching both basic and advanced preaching courses. Her numerous scholarly accomplishments include: *Help My Unbelief*, *The Bible and the New York Times*, *The Seven Last Words of Christ*, and *The Battle for Middle-earth*.

Honoris Causa:

Four leading Christians conferred doctoral degrees at Convocation 2008



*Archbishop Paul Kwong delivering his convocational address:
"Do not forget to communicate happiness and joy in your ministry!"*



Clockwise from top left Doctor of Divinity, *Honoris Causa*: **The Rt. Rev. Linda Nicholls** has brought a deep theological and spiritual sensitivity to her ministry both locally and nationally. Bishop Nicholls is the newly elected suffragan bishop of Trent-Durham in the Anglican Diocese of Toronto. Doctor of Divinity, *Honoris Causa*: **The Most Rev. Paul Kwong** has brought widely recognized wisdom and a conciliatory spirit to national and international episcopal work. Archbishop Kwong is primate of the Anglican diocese of Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui and Bishop of Hong Kong Island. Doctor of Sacred Letters, *Honoris Causa*: **Graham Kendrick**, of Kent, England, has been described as "the father of modern worship music". Kendrick is the songwriter behind the global March for Jesus and is scribe of "Amazing Love" and "Let the Living Waters Flow". He reminds us that good theology should sing! Doctor of Divinity, *Honoris Causa*: As Senior Minister at Timothy Eaton Memorial Church, a congregation of the United Church of Canada, the **Rev. Dr. Andrew Stirling** is an exemplary leader in preaching and proclaiming of the Gospel message in our cultural context.

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THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS

Erin Vearncombe

Early support advances campaign to 80% of fundraising goal.

For the first time in nearly 20 years, Wycliffe College has launched a major financial campaign. Spread the Word: The Campaign for Wycliffe College is the culmination of two years of prayerful consideration of the question: *What can Wycliffe do to make the greatest impact on the future and renewal of the church?* Spread the Word has a crucial purpose: to build up forward-looking ministries that will serve the wider church for generations to come.

Central to the campaign is a shared conviction that the advent of the Word through Jesus Christ is truly Good News. It is this that underpins every element of our Christian faith as well as the academic and lay instruction offered at Wycliffe.

Spread the Word has a challenging goal: to raise over \$4.0 million to achieve the following objectives:

- Establish a Chair of Preaching and Worship
- Provide greater financial assistance to students

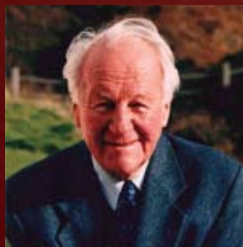
- Strengthen our commitment to evangelism and the preparation of lay leaders through the Institute of Evangelism and the Centre for Lay Education
- Invest in leadership training opportunities for students
- Invest in our recruitment programs

Early response to this challenge has been truly remarkable: to date, over 170 donors have pledged over \$3.5 million to support this work and all of this money is already at work: the pilot of the distance learning video project is complete; Preacher-in-residence, Fleming Rutledge, will arrive in the fall, and student bursary support has increased significantly. Yet, the majority of the mission work above requires full funding in order to proceed. For us as trusted stewards of the College, Spread the Word has become a special opportunity for us to strengthen the gospel-centered theological education that Wycliffe can continue to provide for future leaders of our church.

TOP

Rev. Dr. John R.W. Stott
Rector Emeritus –
All Souls Church, London

For 50 years I have watched the development of Wycliffe College, and am strongly in support of its capital campaign. In these days of theological and ethical confusion Wycliffe offers solid hope for the future.



BOTTOM

The Most Rev. and Rt. Hon. George Carey
Archbishop of Canterbury (Retired)

At the heart of a Church shaped by vision are well trained clergy and lay leaders who can speak credibly and persuasively to today's world. I heartily endorse and commend the Capital Campaign, Spread the Word and hope that many will support it too.

Campaign Prayer

*Almighty and merciful God,
Creator of heaven and earth;
You are the source of all wisdom,
the author of all truth.*

*In your Son Jesus Christ,
you transform
Darkness into light
Fear into hope
Death into life.*

*Pour out your Holy Spirit
upon Wycliffe College
To inspire and equip men
and women
With the Good News of Christ,
And a fresh vision of his mission;*

*That they may –
Spread your word,
Lead your church,
And extend your kingdom,
In an ever-changing world.*

*Through the same Jesus Christ
our Saviour and Lord*

Amen

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Refresh!

Worship needs theology: Marva Dawn *“Un-theological worship is not true worship. You need to know which God you’re worshipping.”*

BY STEPHANIE DOUGLAS

Toronto, ON – Worship should never be studied without theology says American theologian and worship leader, **Marva Dawn**.

The interplay between theology and worship was the theme of Refresh! 2008 led by Dawn and British singer/songwriter **Graham Kendrick**.

Dawn has written popular books such as *Reaching Out without Dumbing Down: A Theology for Worship for this Urgent Time* and **Kendrick** is known for his worship compositions including “Shine Jesus Shine.”

Although Dawn and Kendrick approached the subject from different angles, both were equally adamant about the importance of constantly measuring worship – singing, praying and preaching – against the theology that frames it.

“Everything we do in relation to God has a theology,” says Kendrick. “The question is: is it a good theology or a not-so-good theology?” For worship leaders the question is an important one, since music is a powerful medium by which they teach people about God.

“I don’t think we should ever study worship without theology,” says Dawn, “because un-theological worship is not true worship. You need to know which God you’re worshipping.”

Dawn laments the ongoing battles in churches over worship styles. Styles don’t matter, she insists. Instead, we need to judge songs by the degree to which they are faithful to Scripture.

NEW IDEAS

Many of the workshops at the conference were music-oriented, while others touched on topics like “Church in a Digital Age,” “Clergy Care” and a popular discernment track for lay people.

David Locke, Worship Coordinator from ClearView Christian Reformed Church in Oakville and a Wycliffe grad, was grateful for the way the workshops opened him up to new ideas. “Some workshops have provided resources, while others introduced me to things I might not otherwise have thought about, like eco-theology,” he says.

George Sumner, Principal of Wycliffe College, says the workshops try to appeal to lay interests. Refresh! has always been an event for lay people as well as clergy.

The final day of the conference was dedicated to preaching workshops devoted to biblical exegesis and homiletics. Dr. Kenton Anderson, Dean of Northwest Baptist Seminary gave a lecture “Beyond Good Preaching: How to Preach Above Average Sermons.”

“Preaching is an aspect of worship,” says Anderson. “It’s about helping other people hear what God is saying.”

An estimated 180 people participated in the conference from a wide range of denominations. About half were clergy and half lay people.

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American theologian and worship leader, Marva Dawn



Graham Kendrick leading in song.



Andrew Stirling preaching at Refresh!

WYCLIFFE COLLEGE CENTRE FOR LAY EDUCATION EQUIPPING THE PEOPLE FOR GOD'S CALL

WYCLIFFE COLLEGE



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LAY EDUCATION

Wycliffe College 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.

To see the Centre's new Course Calendar, please visit www.wycliffecollege.ca. To receive a calendar by mail, please call Annette Brownlee at (416) 946-3540 or contact abrownlee@wycliffe.utoronto.ca.

Looking Ahead

Mark your calendars for these future events at Wycliffe College

September 4

BBQ and welcome for new & returning students – hosted by the Wycliffe College Alumni/ae Association

September 27

Toronto School of Theology Open House

October 5

Wycliffe Founders' Day at St. James's Cathedral, Toronto

October 30

Principal's Dinner – "Peace and Reconciliation"

November 25-27

Anglican Communion Institute Conference at St. Paul's Bloor Street Toronto.

Academic Appointment in the Philippines

The Very Rev. Dr. Patrick Tanhuanco, (M. Div. Wycliffe '78), has been appointed Dean of St. Andrew's Theological Seminary (the only Anglican Seminary in the Philippines). The Most Rev. Ignacio C. Soliba, Prime Bishop of the Episcopal Church in the Philippines and Chairman of the Board of Trustees inducted and installed Bishop Tanhuanco on June 15, 2008 in the Seminary Chapel.



Wycliffe College Student Receives Prestigious National Doctoral Fellowship

FTE Award Supports Next Generation of Diverse Scholars

ATLANTA, June 2008 – Alison A. Hari-Singh, a doctoral student at Wycliffe College, has been selected to receive a 2008 Fund for Theological Education (FTE) North American Doctoral Fellowship, a competitive national award. As an FTE North American Doctoral Fellow, Hari-Singh will receive a stipend of between \$5,000 and \$10,000 for education-related expenses as she pursues her doctoral degree in theology.

Praying the Psalms with No Country for Old Men

BY DAVID TIESSEN

“Why, O Lord, do you stand far off? Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble?” The Psalmist’s question is asked in response to the greed-driven violence of those who act, at the expense of the poor and innocent, as if there is no God; who “think in their heart, ‘God has forgotten, he has hidden his face, he will never see it;’” who seemingly continue to prosper in violent disregard of what is good and right in the sight of God.

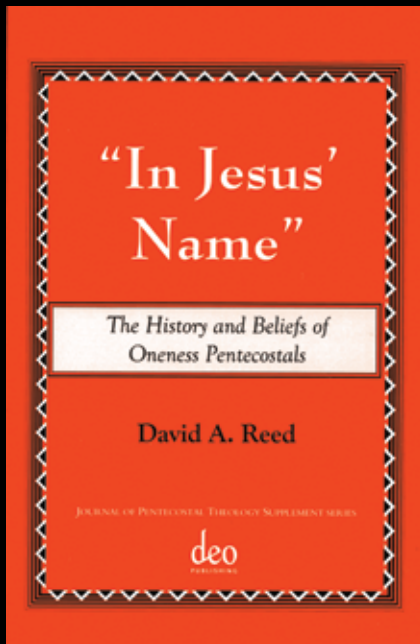
Israel’s troubled question in Psalm 10 is also the Church’s question, and indeed it is also a question shared by many neither Jewish nor Christian, a question which has deeply marked the whole of Western thought and which perhaps haunts our consciousness now more than ever in this age of awareness of global and local inequities and violence. The themes of the Psalmist are perennial themes, haunting many a story.

Recently the question has arisen, subtly and powerfully (and violently) in the film which won Best Picture at this year’s Academy Awards: *No Country For Old Men*. In the spare, minimalist terms of old westerns such as *The Good, The Bad and the Ugly*, the film offers a meditation on the shift from the ‘old country’ of the trusting relations upon which neighbourliness and care for strangers is built and in which justice would prevail, to the emerging ‘new country’ of the violence of selfish greed and remorseless individualism which drives even the law to despair. The march of violence seems inexorable and inevitable, and as the film progresses we discover through and along with the characters the alternatives before them: join the game for one’s own gain but ultimately succumb to the inevitability of a violent end; risk resistance at the cost of the despair and exhaustion of watching the wicked triumph; resist the game on alternative (nonviolent) terms. In this film the results of these alternatives don’t look much different – it is always the violent and the wicked who seem to triumph: there is no country left for the ‘old men’ who presume the good. It is the bad and the ugly who win. It is Psalm 10, verses 1-11.

But Psalm 10 doesn’t end with verse 11. The Psalms (well, most of them) don’t end in despair because the Psalms are the songs and prayers of a people who know a covenant-keeping God. So there is occasion to pray with the end of the Psalm: “Rise up, O Lord . . . Break the arm of the wicked and evildoers . . . do justice for the orphan and the oppressed, so that those from earth may strike terror no more.” *No Country for Old Men* may be read as offering a prayer akin to this. The film, like many of the Psalms, confronts us with a meditation on the violence around us (and indeed in which we know ourselves participants in subtle ways). But, like a Psalm, the film doesn’t end with despair. Neither, mind, does it offer any glib Hollywood ending either, and indeed its ending has left many a viewer puzzled. That, I think, is because the film won’t betray us by offering an easy answer when God seems hidden and wickedness seems to be winning. Yet when viewed like a Psalm, the film becomes clearer. Yes, the march of violence seems inevitable, but in the end there is a glimmer of hope that alternative forms of resistance are right in themselves and, at the very end, there is a final ‘verse’ that is the film’s prayer and benediction: Where it seems that God has all but abandoned us to the violent night, there remains the dream of a glowing fire somewhere up ahead in the dark, beckoning us on. With that, *No Country for Old Men* offers our culture a contemporary Psalm, turning us in the end to listen and look again for God in the dark.

David Tiessen is a Ph.D. candidate at Wycliffe College and was recently ordained deacon in the Diocese of Huron. He has been appointed Assistant Curate at St. George’s Anglican Church, London beginning in August.

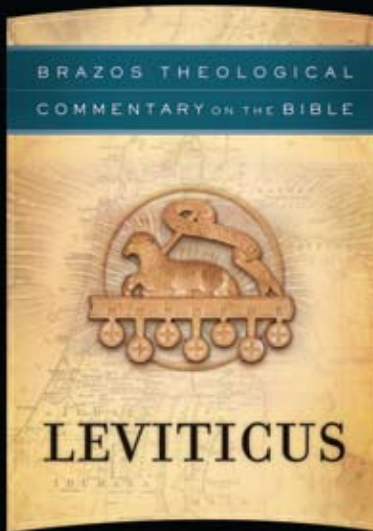
New Publications



The publication of David A. Reed's latest book, *In Jesus' Name* was launched May 6th with a celebratory event held at Wycliffe College.

In Jesus' Name tells the story of the third stream of Pentecostalism that emerged during the formative years of the Pentecostal Revival. This is the first comprehensive study of the origins, history and theology of Oneness Pentecostalism, the movement expelled from the Assemblies of God in 1916 for its rejection of the doctrine of the Trinity and insistence on water baptism in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Reed traces the movement, now estimated at 14 million worldwide, to its Pietistic and Evangelical roots. But it developed during the years 1913-1916 within the still formative period of early Pentecostalism. Theologically, this study views the Oneness doctrine of the Name of God as part of its Pentecostal identity.

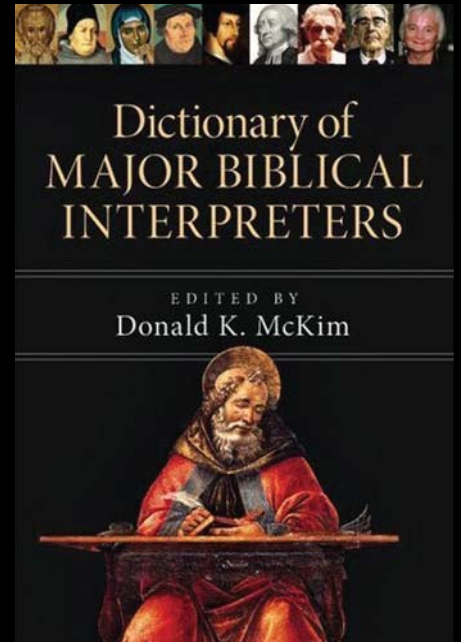
Published by Deo Publishing.



EPHRAIM RADNER

Ephraim Radner, Wycliffe's professor of historical theology, has just published what promises to be a ground-breaking commentary on the book of Leviticus. Radner's commentary is part of a series of theological commentaries designed to serve the church. Radner acknowledges up front that the book of Leviticus is a challenge for Christian readers, but he quickly shows that "there is something divine to be received within its words" (p.18). Radner shows us how to read Leviticus in light of the gospel. He joins a growing number of biblical scholars who are finding that the interpretive methods used by such pre-critical interpreters as Origen, Rashi, Bede and Willet need to be recovered. Radner's commentary is worth reading not only for the way it opens up a difficult book but for the way it teaches us to read the Scriptures figuratively. Radner's reading of Leviticus "is a hard and narrow way (Matt. 7:14);" it is a kind of discipleship whereby our own hearts are exposed to the world's edges even as they are challenged and transformed by the world's redeemer. This is a reading filled with images of becoming, as the encounter of the text with Christ's world transforms all that is in it, text and world together. Things and objects become new; they do not only stand for one another. Well might we yearn for protection from such an encounter; but in this we would desire wrongly. If in fact "Jesus also suffered outside the gate" (Heb. 13:12), and in this showed forth the meaning of those beasts burnt outside the camp in Lev. 4:21, so in the very act of apprehending such a truth with joy, we too "go forth to him outside the camp" (Heb. 13:13), we too follow" (27-8). So for those of you ready to take up a book that will enrich you spiritually and intellectually, I heartily recommend Radner's new book.

Review by Dr. Marion Taylor. Published by Brazos Press.



Wycliffe College professors feature prominently in major new reference work on biblical scholarship. From Abelard to Zwingli, the history of Christian biblical interpretation has been shaped by great thinkers who delved deeply into the structure and meaning of Christianity's sacred texts. With over two hundred in-depth articles, the *Dictionary of Major Biblical Interpreters* introduces readers to the principal players in that history: their historical and intellectual contexts, their primary works, their interpretive principles and their broader historical significance. In addition, six major essays offer an overview of the history of biblical interpretation from the second century to the present. This one-volume reference by Donald K. McKim, a revised and vastly expanded edition of IVP Academic's *Historical Handbook of Major Biblical Interpreters*, will serve as an invaluable tool for any serious student of the Bible and the history of biblical interpretation. Not surprisingly, John Wycliffe, the college's namesake, is included. And so is Wycliffe's former Professor of Old Testament, R.K. Harrison whom the *Dictionary* calls "the most important and prolific evangelical Old Testament scholar of the mid twentieth century." More still, three additional members of Wycliffe's biblical faculty – Professor emeritus Richard Longenecker as well as current Professors Glen Taylor and Marion Ann Taylor helped to author this *Dictionary* by submitting scholarly essays.

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Bishop Victoria Matthews appointed Bishop of Christchurch, New Zealand

BY ANNETTE BROWNLEE



Wycliffe was pleased to have The Rt. Rev. Victoria Matthews, former bishop of the Diocese of Edmonton, as Bishop-in-Residence, during the winter term of 2008. Bishop Matthews quickly made herself a visible and a welcome pastoral presence at Wycliffe: she served as warden of Founders' Chapel, assisted in several of the pastoral ministry courses, audited an advanced degree class, served as a spiritual director, participated in a long-term planning meeting of faculty and staff, and was a regular at Wycliffe's "toonie" lunches. (Several students noticed the rise in the participation of Wycliffe's students from the Diocese of Edmonton at daily chapel services!).

Bishop Matthews' ministry was by no means limited to the Wycliffe community during the long winter term. During that time she flew to England to lead Lenten retreats, was appointed by the Archbishop of Canterbury to the Windsor Continuation Group (a high level group which will address outstanding questions from the Windsor Report), participated in the planning of the July Lambeth conference and was recently elected bishop of Christchurch, New Zealand. Bishop Matthews preached at the closing community Eucharist of the school year and the community blessed her on her way after thanking her for her love, leadership and presence among us this past term. We hope she will send many Wycliffe seminarians from Christchurch and we pray she will maintain her long and affectionate ties with the college, as she follows God's call out of Canada to serve another church in the Anglican Communion. We will miss her very much.

FEATURED PARISH:

Life in the Anglican Parishes of Almaguin & Emsdale

BY REV. PATRICK M. MCMANUS

Th.D. Student, Wycliffe College



The rumours of the death of the rural Anglican Church are greatly exaggerated! We hear so much about declining membership and aging congregations that we tend to simply assume that the rural church is all but done. Don't get me wrong, the rural church has its challenges but there is a great deal of hope because there is life in our congregations! I came into the newly combined parishes of Almaguin (made up of 5 churches: Grace Church, South River; St. Paul's, Sundridge; All Saint's, Burk's Falls; St. John's Eagle Lake; St. George the Martyr, Magnetawan) and the Good Shepherd (made up of one, St. Mark's Church, Emsdale) as a lay pastor charged with amalgamating two struggling parishes who could no longer afford full-time ministry separately. Our parishes span the area north of Huntsville, Ontario all the way up Hwy 11 to South River and westward out to Magnetawan. Together, we have

celebrated my ordination to the diaconate and most recently, to the priesthood this past May.

We have a thriving youth group, made up of 8-15 yr. old children, which meets every Wednesday night in Emsdale during the year (off for the summer) and we average 25 kids a week. We also hope to begin a teenage youth group in the fall. We run regular Bible/book studies, catechesis for our young people (with 10 confirmations this past January), and we are looking forward to beginning a faith & film group that will meet once a month for dinner, a film, and a discussion time afterward. We're actively involved with various outreach programs in our towns, such as the various foodbanks and Chrysalis House in Huntsville, a transitional home for women and their children.

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Our ACW's are active in our churches and communities and literally bring the church to the community through their bazaars, bake sales, dinners and community events. We are a diverse church living in many different communities but we are unified through our desire to reach out to people with the good news that Christ has changed the world and will change theirs! It is a struggle to move from a maintenance mindset, so characteristic of the church in Christendom, to a mission mindset in our post-Christendom world. A church that is concerned about itself will inevitably implode but a church that is focused on following Christ into our world cannot but grow because that's the power of the Gospel in action, and that's attractive! So, no, the rural church isn't dead; we are following the living Christ and that life will always bring life out of death!



The Institute of Evangelism

In the spring, the college enjoyed a visit from Bishop Graham Cray of Maidstone, UK. He is one of the authors of *Mission-Shaped Church*, the best-selling church report of all time (22,000 copies before it became available free on the web). He is a leader in the *Fresh Expressions* movement in the Church of England, which is seeking to start churches among people and cultures where there is presently no church.



Bishop Cray spent time with students, spoke in classes, and then was the guest speaker at the Institute dinner on the Thursday evening, enthraling us with stories of some of the 650 registered "fresh expressions of church" in the UK.

The next edition of the new *good idea!* -available now as a monthly email which links to the new Institute website—will also feature news of the Fresh Expressions movement in Canada. If you haven't checked out the website—designed by Wycliffe grad, The Rev. Ryan Sim see www.institute.wycliffecollege.ca.

If you would prefer to receive printed copies of *good idea!* in the mail, please call (416) 946-3524 to place your order.

Warmly, in Christ,

John Bowen
Director, Institute of Evangelism

Faculty

Coming and Goings

Annette Brownlee has completed her first term at Wycliffe as College Chaplain and Director of Lay Education. During that time she has become known to students, staff and faculty, worked to increase the sense of community at Wycliffe, and to welcome non-Anglican students into the worship of Founder's Chapel. She has put together a full range of course offerings for the Centre for Lay Education 2008-09 year, including more online courses and several faculty led video courses. She preaches monthly at St. Matthew's, Riverdale and at the Refresh preaching day in May she led a workshop on Changing the Subject and preached at the closing worship. In addition, she is working with Bishop Patrick Yu, of the Diocese of Toronto, to create a pilot program to prepare clergy to faithfully lead larger parishes.

Alan Hayes has published church reviews in *Anglican and Episcopal History* on Saddleback Church, Lake Forest, California, and Abyssinian Baptist Church, Harlem, New York. He continues to write his monthly column for the *Niagara Anglican*. He has written an entry on the Anglican Church of Canada for the *Encyclopedia of Religion in America*.

Ann Jervis is on sabbatical this term. She is at the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome writing a book on Paul's ethics. In February she attended a conference in Pittsburgh for Lilly Grant holders.

Wanda Malcolm recently appointed as adjunct faculty in pastoral theology, in April- May was in Hong Kong and Malaysia to train psychotherapists and counselors interested in learning emotion-focused therapy. While there, she also gave a workshop on forgiveness and reconciliation for pastors and lay leaders. At the Refresh conference in May she gave a workshop on clergy stress and wellness. She was the co-author of an article entitled, "Differential effects of Emotion-Focused Therapy and psycho education in facilitating forgiveness and letting go of emotional injuries", which appeared in the spring issue of the *Journal of Counseling Psychology*. She launched the Wycliffe Wellness Project which will study stress and wellness among clergy and their families.

Joseph Mangina continues to work on his commentary on Revelation for Brazos Press. In April he attended two conferences: The Analogy of Being: Invention of the Antichrist or the Wisdom of God? held at the John Paul II Cultural Institute of Catholic University, Washington, D.C., and Human Sexuality and the Nuptial Mystery, sponsored by St. Margaret's Anglican Church, Winnipeg. At the latter event he helped lead a group of theologically interested undergraduates in a discussion of texts related to the theme of the conference.

Tom Power attended an ATS-sponsored conference on educational technology in Tampa, FL, in March, at which he also made a presentation. In June he gave a paper entitled, Chapbooks, Evangelicals, and the French Connection in England in the 1790s, at the American Theological Library Association annual conference in Ottawa, its theme being The French Connection. In June also he had research leave to continue his investigation of theological education at Trinity College Dublin in the 19th century. Recent book reviews have appeared in the *Toronto Journal of Theology*, the *English Historical Review*, and *Studia Hibernica*. He taught a course on the History and Theology of Christian Spirituality at Tyndale Seminary, Toronto.

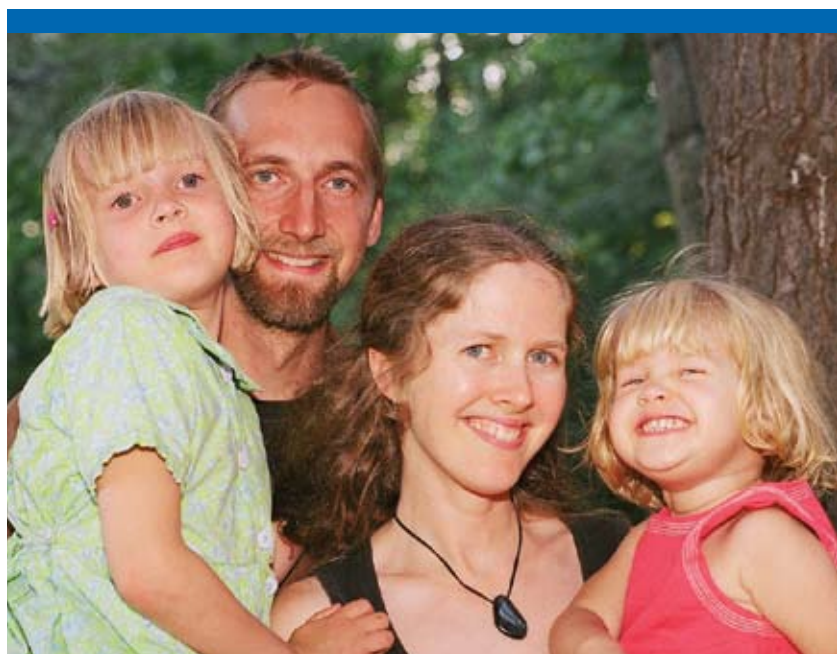
Since January 2008, in addition to formal teaching at Wycliffe, **Ephraim Radner** has participated in several Anglican Covenant-related events: working on the Design Group in January-February to produce the second *St. Andrews' Draft of the proposed Covenant*, and presenting it in various venues, including the Canadian House of Bishops in April, as well as to numerous smaller church committees and gatherings. He delivered papers on the "Nuptial Mystery", focusing on the aspect of procreation at the heart of marriage's meaning at a conference on Winnipeg in April; and on the Trinity in the Old Testament at Tyndale University College in May. He conducted a series on the Anglican Way at St. Paul's Bloor Street in Toronto, and a 16-day course on Anglicanism for the new Institut Francophone in Québec City in April and May. He contributed a paper to a collection of theological responses to the Canadian Primate's request for engagement on the topic of *changing doctrine*, focusing on the sense of the phrase that the Holy Spirit "teaches new truths". His book on Leviticus for the Brazos Theological Commentary *Leviticus* appeared in June. He is working on a book on the nature of Christian Unity, which will be the topic of a seminar in the fall.

In March and April Professor Emeritus, **David Reed**, was on a five-week research trip in Asia to study the True Jesus Church, the largest independent church in China. He visited Indonesia, Singapore, Sabah (East Malaysia), Taiwan, Hong Kong and Shanghai. He also spent a week interviewing leaders of the rapidly growing Bethel (Pentecostal) churches in Indonesia, numbering now about 3.5 million. He conducted archival work on early Pentecostalism in northern New England for Fuller Seminary Library. In May his new book, *'In Jesus' Name': The History and Beliefs of Oneness Pentecostals* was launched at a function in Wycliffe College.

Christopher Seitz has a number of writing projects on the go including commissioned essays entitled: "Canon, Covenant, and Rule of Faith – The Use of Scripture in Communion" (*International Journal for the Study of the Christian Church*); "Canon, Narrative and the Old Testament's Literal Sense: A Response to John Goldingay" (*Tyndale Bulletin*); and "Accordance: The Scriptures of Israel as Eyewitness" (*Nova et Vetera*). He is engaged in summer school teaching at Regent College, Vancouver and Lutheran Seminary, St Louis. He continues to be active on the wider church scene with meetings and speaking engagements at Lambeth Palace, Dallas, New York, and Florida. He spoke at the Refresh Conference on the Psalms. He is a regular preacher and teacher at St. Matthew's, Riverdale, Toronto.

Marion Taylor began a three year term on the editorial board of the *Bulletin for Biblical Research*. In February she gave the Alison Stewart-Patterson Lecture in Montreal entitled "Reading the Scriptures with out Foremothers of the Faith: what can we learn from the history of exegesis that we can't learn from exegesis alone?." She also taught in the continuing education program at the Presbyterian College in Montreal. She participated in an ATS conference for grant recipients in Pittsburgh also in February. She gave a paper on Jephthah's Daughter at the Canadian Society of Biblical Studies conference in Vancouver in June. This past spring she prepared the first video-taped course in Wycliffe's Diploma in Lay Ministry on the theme of the Old Testament as our story.

Glen Taylor completed his term as President of the Canadian Society of Biblical Studies, as whose annual meeting in June in Vancouver he delivered a presidential address. In May along with Revs Kim Beard and Duke Vipperman, Glen co-hosted a two-week pilgrimage to Israel and Jordan along with some 50 Anglicans and Presbyterians. In April he taught a five-week course at St. Paul's-on-the-Hill, in preparation for the trip. In April also Glen and his son David, who both help lead the youth group at the Church of the Resurrection, Toronto, took part in a 30-hour famine held at Wycliffe College. Six church groups joined forces in this event and raised over \$12,000 for World Vision.



Farewell to the Tiessens

David Tiessen did an exemplary job as residence don at Wycliffe in recent years. His was a truly pastoral ministry, in which he maintained a quiet but supportive presence, dealt with problems both personal and building-related, and served as a trusted and admired part of our staff team. He and Leanne had a shared ministry in this work of their own, and my guess is that she is not far behind in moving into pastoral leadership herself! I would often kid them that I hoped his doctoral thesis (on the 'scriptural reasoning' of Jewish philosopher Franz Rosenzweig and Christian theologian Hans Frei) would take twenty years so that they would stay longer, but we are in fact delighted that they and daughters, Ella and Rosie, will be moving to a new phase of life and ministry. Look for great things from the Tiessens in both scholarship and service. Godspeed, Peace. Principal George Sumner.

Thank you!



The 2007-2008 academic year was an exceptional one: fifty men and women graduated in May, the *Spread the Word Campaign* has secured wonderful early support and Wycliffe will enjoy its 10th consecutive year of delivering a balanced budget, by the slimmest of margins! Yet, I believe the size of this margin is significant. There is a sufficiency to this state of affairs that speaks to the ethos of this place: at once focusing on the sufficiency of the Word and at the same time,

using resources as needed on only those essential and practical things that provide for and enhance our mission work for today and for the future.

As donors, you make meeting these essentials possible each year and on behalf of Wycliffe, I sincerely thank you. Your gifts help so many, near and far, respond to God's call.

Have a wonderful summer,

Rob Henderson, Director of Development

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Why We Give to Wycliffe

BY THE REV. CANON TONY CAPON AND MRS. ELIZABETH CAPON

For more years than we can remember, Wycliffe College has been one of the major recipients of our support.

Tony received his initial theological training at Oak Hill College in London (1951-53). This is probably the closest equivalent in England to Wycliffe College in Canada. Sitting under the guidance of such teachers as Alan Stibbs and Derek Kidner taught him the inestimable value of thoughtful and sensitive Biblical teaching in preparation for ordained ministry.

From 1975 to 1978 Tony was Director of Development at Wycliffe College. There could hardly be a better way to gain an insider perspective on the life and work of the College! Serving from 1978 to 1991 as Principal of the Montreal Diocesan Theological College led naturally to deeper insights into the nature of theological education and of the spiritual and practical preparation needed for ordination.

Elizabeth has been personally involved in many aspects of pastoral ministry through the Anglican Church. She has also served for many years as a member of the Diocese of Ontario's Training and Development Committee. She has interviewed candidates for ordination, and has also been an assessor at ACPO conferences.

All of these experiences move both of us to thank God sincerely for the firm stand of Wycliffe College on Biblical study as the essential basis for ministerial training. We see Wycliffe as being outstanding in Canada for the quality of its theological stance and its practical training in contemporary ministry and outreach. For these reasons we endeavour to support Wycliffe financially by regular planned contributions.

Tony and Elizabeth Capon live in Kingston, Ontario

