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Wycliffe College celebrates Founders' Day at St. James Cathedral. Students are excused from placements for that day and are expected to attend and wear a nametag. More details to follow.

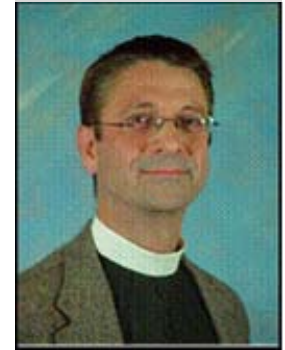
Editorial

Ephraim Radner

New students may not realize that the weekly newsletter is called *The Morningstar* because of our college's namesake, John Wycliffe, has often been called "the Morning Star of the Reformation". The title "Morning Star", pointing to his status as a kind of prophet, was first given Wycliffe by the Protestant divine John Bale in 1548. But not until 1732 was Wycliffe's historical precociousness identified with the Reformation itself (by the historian Daniel Neal). Wycliffe didn't see himself as starting a new church, in any case. Nor did Luther, for that matter. "Reform" is the key word. (Though the "the Reformation" as designating a particular

episode in Christian history doesn't appear until later in the 17th century). Still, "reforming the church" was indeed something many were after, including Luther and Wycliffe, and long before either of them.

Gerhard Ladner's 1958 sprawling book, *The Idea of Reform* still requires careful reading. Ladner demonstrated how "reform" is at the root of the Christian life itself, and isn't just some periodic injection into it on the part of the disaffected. And when medieval monastic Christians spoke of *reformata reformanda* – the things that have been reformed must be reformed anew – they were speaking to a long-standing dynamic



of faithfulness: not changing things for the sake of changing, not a ceaseless round of transience and instability, nor even "progress" in a modern sense of historical amelioration. Rather, "reform" for the first Church was basic to the Church's life in the sense of renewing the mind as St. Paul would have it – renewing the Image of God within us (cf. Rom. 12:2

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Accessing Wycliffe College Online and Web-Enhanced Courses

Tom Power

In partnership with the University of Toronto, Wycliffe College has developed a course website for each course offered in-class (web enhanced), as well as a number of fully online courses. Instructors will be using these websites to post course information, communicate with students, post grades, and have discussion forums. To access

these courses, follow the instructions below.

STEP #1

You will need a UTORid and password.

Create your UTORid at <https://www.utorid.utoronto.ca>

You will need information on your T-Card to do this,

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so have it handy.

STEP #2

Once you have your UTORid and password, go to the course site at <http://portal.utoronto.ca>

There you will see the different courses you are registered for. Click on the relevant course link and follow the announcement instructions. Bookmark the course link.

Computer Hardware and Browser Requirements

You may find it helpful in advance to review computer hardware and browser requirements, and how to navigate the features of the online courses.

Make sure that your computer has all the requirements to view the courses you are enrolled in.

Go to

http://www.portalinfo.utoronto.ca/Faculty_Staff/Self-Help/Computer_Hardware_Requirements.htm for the checklist of requirements.

Go here

<http://swiftwind.rcat.utoronto.ca/portal> to check that your browser is compliant.

Finding Your Way around the Courses

Finding out about how to navigate around the web-enhanced and online courses is easy.

Go here

<http://www.portalinfo.utoronto.ca/studenthelp/studentselfhelp.htm> for information on course navigation, communication tools, discussion board, assignment submission, and other useful

information.

FAQ

Answers to some basic questions can be found here

<http://www.portalinfo.utoronto.ca/studenthelp/studentfaq.htm>

Contact

For T-Card:

<http://www.utoronto.ca/tcard>
416-946-8047

For UTORid:

help.desk@utoronto.ca 416-978-HELP

For Blackboard:

portal.help@utoronto.ca

For online courses:

thomas.power@utoronto.ca or
416-946-3526

Dare to Deepen... The Wycliffe Spiritual Mentoring Program

The Wycliffe Mentoring Program offers all Wycliffe students the opportunity to meet with a spiritual mentor/director once a month for a private hour-long session. This is a great opportunity for you to deepen Christian formation through further integrating your theological study and personal spirituality.

In his book, "Working the Angles" Eugene Peterson hails the giving and receiving of spiritual direction, along with prayer and Bible reading, as the main elements of Christian ministry today.

Come out to our Spiritual Mentor Introduction Evening, hear a bit about the background of our mentors,

and chat with them afterwards.

Spiritual Mentor Introduction Evening

Tuesday, September 25, 2007

The Reading Room

7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

If you find someone who is a good fit for you, you can meet with that person once a month from September through April. Wycliffe College provides each mentor with an honorarium, so there is no monetary cost involved for the student.

There will be biographies of the mentors available in the Reading Room on Tuesday at 4:30 preceding the evening. Please contact Mark Regis

(mark.regis@utoronto.ca) if you have any questions about the program.

Meet Wycliffe's
Spiritual Mentors on
September 25th



Attention All AD Students:

Advanced Degree Students are encouraged to join the faculty in a seminar each year that seeks to bridge the divide between Biblical and theological studies. It is also a good chance for students to meet and interact with a variety of professors. Please join this fall for a discussion of Neil MacDonald's Metaphysics and the God of Israel. (You can get the book from Crux). Please read Part I, chapters 1-4 and 6. The book brings analytic philosophy to bear on questions like the role of historical criticism, the narrative theology of Hans Frei, evolution, natural theology, and the problem of the concept of eternity for God's action in the world. Something for everyone! We will meet from 1:15-2:30 in Cody Library on the following Wednesdays:

October 17th and November 14th

Six Nations Anglicans

The Six Nations reserve near Brantford is by far the largest reserve in Canada by population, and it has five Anglican churches. Last year several folks from Wycliffe and Trinity, mainly students in the course "Anglican history and theology," visited there. We're planning another visit this year for Saturday, October 13. The Anglican rector, Norman Casey, will welcome us as he did last year. We'll have a tour through the Woodlands heritage museum, visit the building of the Mohawk Institute (the old residential school, subject of many lawsuits), visit the Mohawk chapel, which is the oldest church in Ontario, as well as some other churches, and end with multicultural Anglican worship. Members of the Wycliffe community are all welcome (up to some numerical limit not yet determined). Kindly RSVP to me at alan.hayes@utoronto.ca.

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and Col. 3:10). Reformation, both in the 16th century and in general is, for the church, but the "history", the temporal practice, of her "conformance", through her members, to the very shape of Jesus Christ. Just as Paul speaks of our mortal "bodies changing" and "becoming more and more like" the glory of God in Christ (cf. Phil. 3:21 and 2 Cor. 3:18), so the Christian and the Church through time are being reformed. Hence, Ladner argues, the monastic life of Augustine's description (and experience), the practice of "life together" with all of its transforming call, demand, and finally experience as we are driven to become altered by the imperatives of common responsibility and service, is at the center of "reformation" as the Church has lived her life in Christ. Wycliffe's "reform", with its call to

Scriptural faithfulness and moral integrity of life following the image of Jesus, was, in its own way, similar to the "reform" that has ever been at the heart of the Christian Church.

A seminary named after Wycliffe is surely a place of such reformation, one that is perseverant in its movement in and with and to Christ. This kind of life, even in a seminary, is dynamic, and not just about one aspect of education or formation – knowledge or ministry or prayer. For Augustine, the "reforming" life of the Church is about "love" in its deepest sense, one that, as in 1 Corinthians. 13:7, that "bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things". Such a love is a reforming act and life. But this kind of dynamic also that knowledge and ministry and prayer are elements that inevitably *contribute* to reformation, even as they are

subsumed by it. We learn love in learning from Scripture, tradition, teachers, disciples; we learn love in service and in the challenges and obstacles to service; we learn love as we pray and worship with one another in the Body of our Lord. But if we are left as we were in any of these things, we have not yet loved enough or rightly, not yet been renewed, not yet been reformed.

The saying "Become what you are!" has been used by writers as diverse as John Paul II, Nietzsche, and the Buddhist Allan Watts. I suppose there is truth to it. But this year also, in this place, through our learning and praying and serving, let us "become what we are not yet". Be reformed in the renewal of your minds and in the image of our Lord Jesus Christ.

From the Registrar's Office

Marie Soderlund

If you need to talk to our Registrar, Marie Soderlund, you can find her in room 226.

Utoronto email addresses

It's good to see that many of you have created a Utoronto email address. There are still many who have not. Please do so as soon as possible. Please make sure to update your ROSI record with this address.

Deadline to Add Courses

The deadline to add fall semester courses is *Friday, September 21*. If you are registering for a reading course, summative exercise or thesis you must complete the "Reading & Research Course or Basic Degree Thesis Proposal" form and return it to me this week.



Student Mailboxes

Every student should have a student mailbox.

Residents have theirs at the Front Desk. Day student boxes are in the cloak room (off the main lobby). Advanced Degree boxes and Basic Degree boxes are on opposite walls. Please check the alphabetical list beside the boxes for your name. Your box is under your number. Please check your box regularly for mail! If your name does not appear on the list, please let me know.

GO Transit Discounts

If you are a full time student you are entitled to a Go Transit discount. I have application forms in my office.

Police Checks

All M.Div. students who are doing a field placement (2nd & 3rd years) must have a police check on file at Wycliffe College. Please submit it this week if you have not done so already. If you supplied us with one last year, you do not need a new one.



Join us for the first monthly

CRUX night

An evening of original and cover songs
featuring

Alison Hari-Singh, Billy Gekas
and Michael lafrate

Tuesday, Sept. 18th, 7-9 pm
CRUX BOOKS, Wycliffe College
5 Hoskin Ave., Toronto

Refreshments will be served and new Fair Trade Crux t-shirts will be available for sale. Check our website for details on our next event in mid-October!

www.cruxbooks.com

Bursary Opportunity

ELLEN MARY KNOX

SCHOLARSHIPS

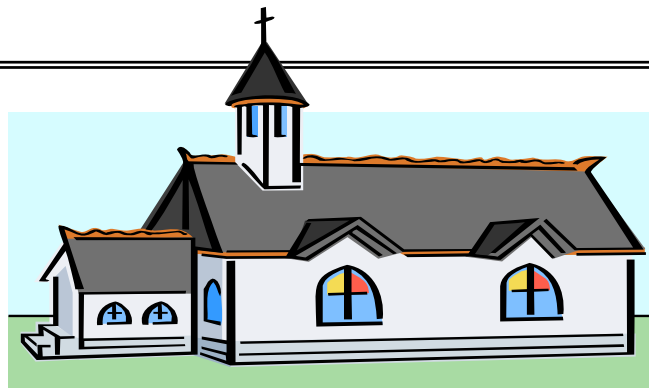
Applications are now available at the Front Desk for the Ellen Mary Knox Scholarship. Deadline to submit completed applications is October 31st. Applicants must be Anglican students studying theology at Wycliffe College for ministry in the Anglican Church of Canada. The executors of the Ellen Knox Estate will evaluate and contact the Scholarship winners.

Forward your completed application to the Principal's Office for his comments and that office will submit the applications.

If you are new to Toronto and are looking for a place to worship, talk to our friendly Front Desk staff—they have maps and the names of Churches in the area that may interest you.

Some Anglican churches within easy distance are: St. Paul's Bloor St., Little Trinity, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, St. Thomas', Messiah and Church of the Redeemer.

come and join us at
the bridge
 a service of worship, learning and spiritual nourishment
 Sundays at 9:30 am
 st. paul's bloor street
 227 bloor st. east
 we would love to have you join us
www.stpaulsbloor.org



The Orchestra of God's Word

Come and hear Christopher Seitz preach weekly
 at Sunday Evening Worship
 6:30 pm

Beginning September 23rd, 2007
 and each Sunday to December 2nd

St. Matthew's Anglican Church, Riverdale
 135 First Avenue—E. of Broadview, S. of Gerard
 On the Boradview and Gerard streetcar lines
 (an easy bike ride from Wycliffe)

ALL ARE WELCOME

*The Rev. Dr. Chris Seitz is a widely published Anglican Scholar.
 He taught for many years at Yale and most recently
 at St. Andrew's University, Scotland. He is now teaching here
 at Wycliffe.*

This Week at Wycliffe

Monday, September 17th

11:00 a.m.—Friends of Wycliffe

Tuesday, September 18th

5:30 p.m.—Prayer & Praise at
 Evening Prayer

Wednesday, September 9th

Wednesday Event—Marney
 Patterson

Preacher—Marney Patterson

Celebrant—George Sumner

Sunday, September 23rd

AD Pizza Night

(Please RSVP to Karen by
 Thursday)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
This Week's Chapel Schedule	8:30—M.P.	7:30—WBB	8:30—M.P.	8:30—H.E.	8:30—M.P.
	Praise	8:30 - M.P.			
	5:30—E.P.	5:30—E.P.	4:45 - Eucharist	5:30—E.P.	5:30—E.P.

Day	Morning Prayer/WBB	Evening Prayer/Eucharist
Monday	Peggy Scott	Joan Locke
Tuesday	WBB - MP—Sheila VanZandwyk	Michael Caines Prayer & Praise
Wednesday	Ian Martin	Preacher - The Rev. Marney Patterson Celebrant - Principal George Sumner Sub-Deacon - Sue Channen Server - Kari Marcelle Intercessions - Christine Curley Cantor - Praise Band OT Reader - Gaile Sullivan NT Reader - Adam O'Brien Greeter - Wayne Malott Warden - The Rev. Mark Andrews
Thursday	Preacher - Glen Taylor MP - Chelsy Stevens	Jonathan Crane
Friday	The Rev. Alex Meek Sharman	Chris Roth

Chapel News and Notes

Music & Morning Prayer

If you are a pianist, or organist, and would like to practice your craft at Morning Prayer services each week, please let either Alex Meek Sharman or Peggy Scott know. You can also touch base with Karen in the Principal's Office (Rm. 104).

Chapel Training
(Wednesdays 1:30-3:00 p.m.)

Participating in the Daily Offices
Sept. 19/Oct. 3
Leading the Daily Office
Oct. 10/Oct. 17
Serving at the Holy Eucharist
Oct. 31/Nov. 14

(Sign-up sheets will be posted outside Founders' Chapel)

SEPTEMBER 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
16	17 Friends of Wycliffe	18	19 WE - Marney Patterson	20	21	22
23 AD Pizza Night @ Principal's Lodge	24 Fellowship of the Rings	25 Spiritual Mentors Evening	26 WE - Alan Hayes— Inaugural Lecture—TST Exec Dir. Installation	27	28 Board Mtg.	29
30 Founders' Day St. James' Cathedral	1 October	2	3 WE—Quiet Day	4	5	6
7	8 THANKSGIVING	9 SEAD	10 SEAD	11	12	13

College Mission 2007

The College Mission will take place this Fall on the weekend of November 9-11 at St. Paul's Anglican Church L'Amoreaux. (Dean Mercer, who teaches our liturgy course, is the rector of St. Paul's, and David Reed, our retired Pastoral Theology prof, is the honorary assistant.) Our task will be to help the parish with its exciting Renaissance 100 Project.

Mark the dates in your diary now, and watch for further details!

Attention All AD Students!!

You and your families are invited to the Principal's Lodge for a Pizza Night on Sunday, September 23rd at 6:00 p.m.

Please RSVP to Karen at ext. 3521 or karen.baker@wycliffe.utoronto.ca by Thursday, September 20th @ 4:00 p.m.

