

Home Away from Home—On Being a Member of Worldwide Church, and More!—Mwita Añiri

I first visited Canada in November 2004, flying in after another visit to the United States. Three years later, I am back again! Yet the previous visit differs from this second one.

In 2004, I was guest of the Anglican Church of Canada. It included a meeting with the Bishop of Toronto and attending the session of the Council of the General Synod at Mississauga. Plus a visit to Wycliffe and Trinity—two Anglican Colleges, separated by the road, if only the road. But there was leisure too—a trip to Niagara Falls that I had longed for.

A visit to Wycliffe was of particular interest. My former tutor at the theological college when I was training for

ordination in Tanzania (1982-1985), now Principal of Wycliffe and his wife, asked my main hosts if they could host me at their home for three nights, which they did. Apart from a brief meeting at a conference at Wycliffe College, Oxford University, we had not been together for many years. Also there were two Tanzanian students at Wycliffe at the time. I wanted to see them too.

But honestly, I did not know, or perhaps, did not have to know anyone else at Wycliffe other than my hosts and the Tanzanian students. It was a very short stay.

This time, 2007, things are different. I am on sabbatical as Scholar in Residence for almost three



months. When I arrived the Principal was away for a family commitment. So he had arranged for me to be met and be looked after for the first day or two until he returned. New faces. But of the people of God. Members of God's Family. The Worldwide Church of the Risen Christ. The first day of work after the Thanksgiving Day the Principal took me to people who would assist with

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This Wednesday at Wycliffe

- 3:00 p.m. *Wednesday Event* - Principal's Lodge
The Rev. Dr. Christopher Seitz
State of the Anglican Communion
- 4:45 p.m. *Holy Eucharist* - Founders' Chapel
Preacher - Angela Emerson
Celebrant - The Rev. Dr. Ann L. Jervis
- 6:00 p.m. *Community Dinner* - Refectory
- please sign up at the Front Desk before 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday

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answers or directions. The people of God. Members of God's Family.

It is so easy for us to fail to appreciate the fact that we are members of the worldwide Body of Christ, God's family. We may be tempted to think only about the world around us, our work place, our local church, and make it "the world". Until we go away, not just to visit for two weeks, but for a long stay, sometimes far away from the family and the familiar, from the normal and the comforts which everybody has, no matter which part of the world they come from. Then you encounter both a sense of your own vulnerability, or your ignorance, in and of another country, another culture, having to ask about things so obvious and familiar to almost everyone. Yet

one is able to say, yes, God is here, His people are here, and this place is home away from home. Why? Simply because God's Church knows no geographical, social or cultural boundaries.

At home away from home, one goes deeper into seeking and learning. What does it mean to be a Christian, in a worldwide Church? One encounters a renewed call to trust God, and to rejoice in being a member of His worldwide Church and value that dearly. To value it with a renewed call to continue learning and discovering more about God, about his people, their joys and their doubts and challenges, and participate in his mission, through prayer and action.

Living in the dormitory at Wycliffe and sharing community facilities have particularly been a highlight. In

2004, I did not think or could not have thought that Wycliffe is home away from home also for people who are not working or studying at the College. They live at the College, but are studying at one of the schools or colleges of the University of Toronto of which Wycliffe is a part. Or they just have a room, and work somewhere in Toronto. Eating at the Refectory has given me an opportunity to know a few more people of this kind, people from different countries, some from different faith backgrounds, and others who say they do not follow any faith or religion. They do not believe in God.

God has spoken to me in relation to this. "Here you are, a visiting scholar, teaching a course, making various contributions to the College life, doing your own pre-planned academic work. You think you are away from home? No. You are at home. And more. "Be mindful that there are people within the Wycliffe community who are not at home at all, in the sense that you feel at home." A listening ear and a loving heart might be all that they need from us who feel or thing we are home. Or perhaps an open mind that engages with these people on being away, and how to be at home, not our home, but a home that is home for everyone. What kind of home would that be, if it is not God Himself?

IMPORTANT NOTE TO ALL: All of the Wycliffe Community and their families are welcome at Wednesday Eucharist and Community Dinner; however, if you plan to stay for dinner you **MUST sign up in the Porter's Lodge before 11:00 a.m. Wednesday. If you aren't able to get into the College to sign-up please call the Front Desk at 416-946-3535 and ask them to put your name on the list.**



Wednesday, November 14, 2007
 "JOHN WYCLIFFE DAY"

On Wednesday, November 14th Wycliffe College will be celebrating John Wycliffe Day. This will involve the entire Wycliffe Community - students, residents, faculty, staff, Board of Trustees, Advisory Council, Alumni and Friends. You may see some unfamiliar faces around the College - please help to make them feel welcome

3:00 Sadlier Lecture on Missions - Reading Room
 Speaker - The Rev. Canon Dr. R. Mwita Akira

**"Secularization of Mission Education in Africa:
 A Historical Analysis with Reference to Tanzania"**

3:00 Board of Trustees - Annual Meeting - Cody Library

4:45 Holy Eucharist - Founders' Chapel
 Preacher/Celebrant - The Rev. Canon Dr. R. Mwita Akira

6:00 Community Dinner
 Special Guests - Members of Wycliffe's Board of Trustees and Advisory Council

7:00 Annual General Meeting - Reading Room
 Board of Trustees & Advisory Council

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 Broadview 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.

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 2**. 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 next meet from 1:15-2:30 in Cody Library on Wednesday, November 14th.**

Opportunity to Study Abroad

Are you interested in spending the Winter Term (January –April 2008) studying in South Africa? If so, please speak to Principal Sumner for more details.

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Welcome to a new week. We hope that everyone remembered to set their clocks back one hour. It seems that this just may be the calm before the storm. Get as much work done as you can in the next few weeks, because December, with finals will be here before you know it. So, we have only a few announcements.




Remember that there is
Compline in the Chapel Monday
through Friday at 9:00 p.m. What
a better way to end the day than
in prayer?

We will be kicking off our own fundraising
campaign for World Vision featuring Wycliffe's
first-ever beard growing contest. Keep your
eyes peeled for more info.

Hey Second Years... Mark your calendars for a
Second Year event, Friday November 16th.
This will be a *chilax* evening to get geared up
for the final push. Details to follow soon.

*As a reminder, the Senior Student's office
hours are Tuesdays 2-4 p.m. in the
Conference Room. Make use of this valuable
resource, since he is a wealth of
information, and as a third year has also
had some great experiences.*

World Vision  Join us for World Vision
Night on Thursday,
November 8th @ 7:00 p.m.
in the Reading Room - free
pizza and pop...
*Speaker: Peter Goodman, who is a child of
missionary parents in Swaziland, campaigning
about AIDS in Africa. Come hear about the work
of World Vision in Swaziland and around the world,
and how we can support it. Introduction by our
own Peter Peterson.*
*This is a great way to start to put your missionary
faith into action.*

The Wycliffe Community
is invited to mark Friday,
November 30th on their
calendars for the Annual
Advent Event.



The evening will begin
with an Advent Carol Service in
Founders' Chapel, followed by
Christmas Dinner and our Annual
Talent Show. Practice your skits,
instruments, jokes, etc. Sign up sheets
will soon be posted for the dinner and
talent show.



Will the real Principal Sumner please step
forward? Senior Student Mike Caines carried
on tradition when he dressed as Principal
Sumner for last week's Halloween party - many
a double take happened around the College.

Congratulations to Sheila Van Zandwyk,
winner of the dance-off; and resident Andrew
Snelgrove whose pirate costume took the prize
for the night.

	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—Holy Eucharist	5:30—E.P.	5:30—E.P.

Day	Morning Prayer/WBB	Evening Prayer/Eucharist
Monday	Alan Getty	Kevin Love
Tuesday	WBB - David Turner MP—Katie Silcox	Evening Prayer & Praise—Tom Dean
Wednesday	MP—Wayne Mallot	Preacher: Angela Emerson Celebrant: Ann Jarvis Subdeacon: Jonathan Crane Server: Dexter Hinkson OT: Alan Getty NT: Joan Locke Intercessor: Dick Black Cantor: Liz Sipos Greeter: Rich Clark
Thursday	Preacher - Ann Jarvis MP - Christine Watt	Dick Black
Friday	Chelsy Stevens	Jonathan Crane

Chapel News and Notes

Music & Morning Prayer
Kari Marcelle—Tuesday
James Langridge—Wednesday
Megan Crane—Thursday

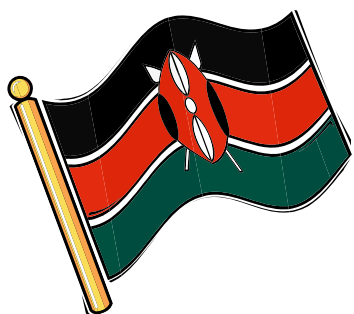
The above musicians are available to provide music for MP. Please contact them the week prior to your scheduled date to arrange hymns. You are strongly encouraged to sing when leading MP. Each of the musicians live in residence and are happy to play.

Chapel Training
 (Wednesdays 1:30-3:00 p.m.)
Training in Singing the Daily Offices
 Nov. 14

Training Session for Thurs. Nov. 15th (same times as above)—Additional Training—Questions, Reminders, Pointers particularly for those who may have missed one of the other sessions.
 (Sign-up sheets are posted outside the Chapel & in Main Hallway)

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4	5	6	7 WE—Chris Seitz <i>Anglican Communion</i>	8 Missions Presentation World Vision	9 Renaissance 100	10 Renaissance 100
11	12	13	14 Sadlier Lecture— Mwita Akiri <i>John Wycliffe Day</i>	15 Refresh! Brainstorming Session - 1:00	16 Second Year “ <i>Chilax</i> ” Event	17
18	19	20	21 WE—Kenya Trip	22	23	24
25	26	27 TST Evening Prayer @ Wycliffe	28 WE—Joint at Trinity Mwita Akiri <i>Anglican Comm. African Perspective</i>	29	30 Wycliffe Family Christmas Party	1 December



Wycliffe Kenya Trip August 2008

Did you know that students, staff and faculty from Wycliffe visit Kenya every two years? Often a “credit” trip, it can be life changing!

On Wednesday, November 21st Prof. Merv Mercer will be leading a Wednesday Event talking about the

upcoming trip. To learn about the experience and what is involved, please join us in the Principal’s Lodge at 3:00 p.m. to learn more.

SCHOLARSHIP/BURSARY DEADLINES

**Martin Moser Society for Theological Studies—Thursday, November 15th