

## Remembrance Day - Reginald Stackhouse

When Remembrance Day returns on November 11 each year to recall—'lest we forget...' - the sacrifices and horrors of wars in our time (the longest period of total world peace in the 20th century being three years), it also drives us to face a theological conclusion we may want to escape. It's how the ambiguities of existence force us to relativize what we would like to hold as absolutes.

This annual homage to our war dead forces that unwelcome recognition on us because it reminds us that over and over, Christian persons and states have had to adapt the values we believe to the global situations we cannot escape.

We see that when we

reflect on the last church historian Roland Bainton's thesis that Christian attitudes to war and peace fit into three categories—pacifism, the just war, and the crusade.

Each of these had its advocates in the 20th century just as it did in previous epochs. Between World War I's end in 1918 and the eruption of World War II in 1939, pacifism held magnetic appeal for so many people wearied from the horrendous struggle of what had understandably been called 'the Great War'. No conflict in history had equaled it—a small nation like Canada had lost almost one percent of its population in actual combat. So the appeal of peace was like a lodestone.

But then came the Nazi aggression in 1939, and two years later Pearl Harbor. Pacifism was 'out' and defence was 'in' regardless of the sacrifices demanded, regardless of how victory's price included Canada and its allies doing what they had condemned in the enemies they faced. The inescapable price of fighting evil included doing evil.

Then why don't we now make a commitment to pacifism, just the way Bainton says most Christians did in the first three centuries? History answers us when we ask that question because pacifism was dropped by Christianity when the Roman Empire was converted. The

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"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 Sadler Lecture on Missions - Reading Room

Speaker - The Rev. Canon Dr. R. Mwita Akiri

**"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 Akiri

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

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reality is as inescapable as it is unattractive. Pacifism is an option for individuals but not for nations. It can be adopted by a private citizen, but not by a government.

So we find theology, from Augustine to Thomas Aquinas, setting out the conditions for a just war, one that Christian rulers and people think they can wage without abandoning the Prince of Peace. Those conditions include limiting conflict solely to warriors, waging it only with the authority of legitimate rulers, as well as suspending battle on holy days and excluding clergy from active service.

But how does a government and its people

ensure that it will pay strict adherence to those ethical demands now? Victory may demand—or seem to demand—fire-bombing a city so that it becomes a hell on earth for its civilian population as well as its combatants. Or an end to the conflict may be hastened if a government agrees to use a weapon it would not have approved otherwise. Or a people may accept a war if convinced that another nation even intends to use WMDs (weapons of mass destruction) against them, and that it's better to shoot first and ask questions later.

Wars have broken out too when leaders and people are persuaded that—despicable as war is—this or that conflict will achieve a noble

end and therefore be describable as a 'crusade'. That kind of reasoning sent medieval Christian armies into what they called 'the Holy Land' just as centuries before it had inspired Muslims to sweep across northern Africa using the sword to expand Islam. In the 20th century, the appeal of using war to achieve a good purpose justified President Woodrow Wilson appealing to Congress in 1917 to make 'the world safe for democracy'. A generation later it convinced General Dwight Eisenhower that he was leading 'a crusade in Europe'.

Should it depress us that after two millennia of Christianity, the world is unable to make an absolute commitment to peace? Or should it caution us that decisions must be made by people aware this is both a fallen world and a finite one in which leaders and citizens alike have to guide themselves by the realities of their time? Reason alone should tell us that peace should be the priority. But reason also cautions us to heed St. Paul's word to the Romans that he who bears the sword can be the minister of the Lord.

Can that justify our becoming militaristic in all but name? Just the opposite. It justifies peace being our priority, one that leads us to opt for every alternative open to us before we even think of combat. But it does enable us to accept with clear minds and clear conscience that nations must also deal with ambiguous situations that defy simplicism

### 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.*



Remember that there is  
Compline in the Chapel Monday  
through Friday at 9:00-9:30 p.m.  
What a better way to end the day  
than in prayer?

This Friday (November 16th) will be a *chilax* event in the Reading Room sponsored by the Second Year Rep. Take some time to breathe, eat some snacks, maybe watch part of a movie, whatever floats your boat. More info on Wednesday.


*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.*

*Wycliffe Advent Choir*



Do you like to sing? Especially with others and at Christmas time? If the answer is yes... the place to be is Founders' Chapel on Wednesday, November 21st @ 2:00 p.m. This will be the first rehearsal of this year's Wycliffe Choir. All are welcome, no experience is necessary.

*Want to help raise money for World Vision? If you missed the presentation last Thursday, it was amazing. One of the projects World Vision is involved with is helping Swaziland, a small poor country in sub-Saharan Africa. It has been ravaged by the AIDS epidemic and has endured five years of drought. All of this means that in three years 20% of its entire population will be orphans, and most of the 15-40 year-olds will be non-existent. So, help this cause by participating in the Beard Growing Contest. Women can join too (you get points for how much money you raise). Look out for more details. But, the day to shave off the beards is this Wednesday!*



The Advent Carol Service and Christmas Dinner is just around the corner! This is a great event for everyone at Wycliffe... Residents, Students, Faculty, Staff, and families. It will be Friday, November 30th starting with a Lessons and Carols service at 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel, followed by Dinner in the Refectory, and a variety show in Leonard Hall.

**IMPORTANT: EVERYONE, INCLUDING RESIDENTS, MUST SIGN UP FOR THE DINNER!**

There is a sign up in the Porter's Lodge. The last day to sign up is Wednesday, November 21st. Following this date there will be a sign up for tables as well. Keep your eyes peeled for more information.



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**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.**

Summer Internships  
Are you planning on doing an Internship this summer? If so, you will need to sign up for a time to meet with Prof. David Reed. A sign-up list will be posted outside his office later this week. If you don't know where Dr. Reed's office is... it is on the second floor of the Admin Wing—last office on the right (just past the Prayer Room).

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

# Chapel News and Notes

Day	Morning Prayer/WBB	Evening Prayer/Eucharist
Monday	Rich Clark	Sue Channen
Tuesday	WBB - Gaile Sullivan MP—Jon Crane	Evening Prayer & Praise—Nancy Arnold
Wednesday	MP—David Turner	Preacher/Celebrant: Mwita Akira Subdeacon: Kari Marcelle Server: Kevin Love OT: Leslie Gerlofs NT: The Rev. Alex Meek Sharman Intercessor: Mark Regis Cantor: Sheila VanZandwyk & Praise Greeter: Leslie Gerlofs
Thursday	Preacher - Chris Seitz MP - Joan Locke	Christine Curley
Friday	The Rev. Alex Meek Sharman	Liz Sipos

## 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

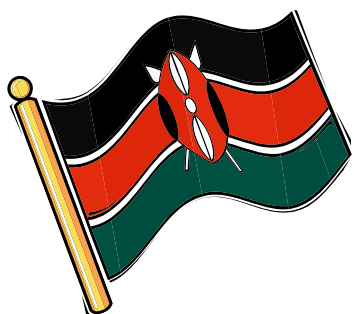
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Training Session for Thurs. Nov. 15th (same times as above)—Additional Training—Questions, Reminders, Pointers particularly for those who may have missed one of the other sessions.

(Sign-up sheets are posted outside the Chapel & in Main Hallway)

# OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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
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## 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.**

### Wednesday, November 28, 2007

For our Wednesday Event this week we will cross Hoskin Avenue to spend some time with our Anglican neighbours at Trinity College. As their schedule has changed this year, those who have been around for a couple of years need to note the new times.

3:00 Event—R. Mwita Akiri

Followed by Tea

5:15—Evensong