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## INSIGHT

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# INSIGHT

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## Dallas Willard at Refresh! 2011

BY GARY SHAW

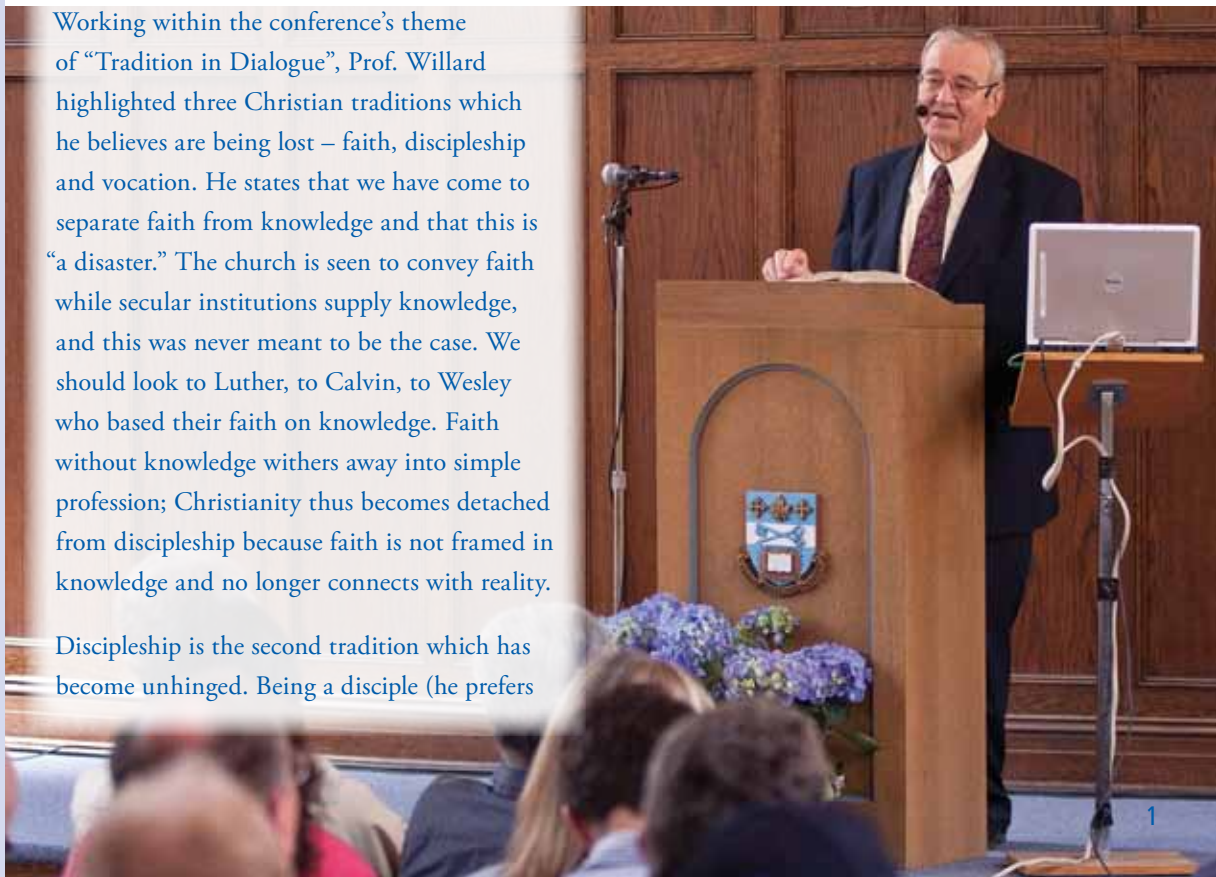
WYCLIFFE WAS DELIGHTED TO HAVE as its keynote speaker at Refresh! 2011 Dr. Dallas Willard, a professor in the School of Philosophy at the University of Southern California where he has taught since 1965. A Southern Baptist and self-described disciple of Christ, Prof. Willard writes and teaches widely on spiritual formation and Christian discipline. In the course of three hour-long plenary sessions, he conveyed a deep concern for today's society and the ministry of the Christian church. We have, he says, become like Jeremiah's "broken cisterns" (Jer 2:13).

the term 'apprentice' is not the same thing as being a Christian; he makes the point that one can become a Christian simply by profession but can never become a disciple in that way. In Prof. Willard's view, the disciple is one who trusts Jesus for everything, knowing that Jesus is the Lord of life, Master of all ("all power in heaven and on earth has been given to me") and from whom we learn ("Take my yoke upon you and learn"). In the step-by-step process of spiritual transformation, all aspects of one's personality come to take on the character of Christ.

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Working within the conference's theme of "Tradition in Dialogue", Prof. Willard highlighted three Christian traditions which he believes are being lost – faith, discipleship and vocation. He states that we have come to separate faith from knowledge and that this is "a disaster." The church is seen to convey faith while secular institutions supply knowledge, and this was never meant to be the case. We should look to Luther, to Calvin, to Wesley who based their faith on knowledge. Faith without knowledge withers away into simple profession; Christianity thus becomes detached from discipleship because faith is not framed in knowledge and no longer connects with reality.

Discipleship is the second tradition which has become unhinged. Being a disciple (he prefers



From discipleship comes vocation. While not all believers can do what priests do, all disciples are priests in all that they do; there is no part-time Christian service. In his latest book, *Knowing Christ Today: Why We Can Trust Spiritual Knowledge* (HarperCollins, 2009), he writes that ministers (in the broad meaning of the term) must become “teachers of the nations” and reminds us that in Matthew 28:18 the disciples are indeed told to “teach the nations”. Ministers must ask themselves “Does the Gospel I preach have a tendency to produce disciples or just consumers of religious goods and services?”

Like his books, Prof. Willard’s lectures present a challenging message. Combining simplicity and depth, his material is meant to shake up the listener and reader. Several times in his lectures he inserted the words “I hope that irritates you a little, it is meant to.” His presence at Refresh! provided an opportunity to hear one of North America’s most articulate advocates of spiritual formation remind us in a thoroughly reasoned approach of the challenges involved in reclaiming the traditions in today’s complex and increasingly pluralistic society.

## Trinity Sunday

**D**EAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS, GREETINGS IN CHRIST. At graduate school I had to read the dense and imposing work of modern German philosophy entitled *Truth and Method* by Hans-Georg Gadamer. All I came away with was the short version, which, like all great philosophy, actually speaks in powerful ways to our everyday lives, in our case as Christians. First, he distrusted the idea that when you were reading texts, you could come up with a method of analysis in a detached and scientific way, which could then fit all different kinds of books. This idea sounded modern and technological to him. In fact how you read, and what your life is like, and what the book is saying can’t be so easily separated. Secondly, we in the modern era sometimes bemoan the gap between our understanding and that of ancient peoples, and wonder how we can really understand what they were saying. But Gadamer said that the distance, even the strangeness of their word coming to us, is what makes it creative and powerful - there can be a “fusion” of our perspective and theirs, a meeting as it were. All of this is compelling if you think about the challenge of reading the Bible as the Word of God.

Some years ago I reviewed a book of essays about contemporary Anglican evangelicalism, and I was struck by the fact that the collection had no essay about inspiration. It wasn’t that the authors didn’t believe in it, but perhaps that they wanted to come at things in a new way, or perhaps that they thought in talking about the subjects themselves, the inspiredness of the Word would come clear. One can easily see the pros and cons of this thinking, for one doesn’t want, along the way, to lose track of the priority and privilege of the canon trustworthily to show us to Christ. These kinds of questions are live ones, especially

as we witness the debates within the evangelical community and watch international Anglicans wrestle with interpretation questions. For such an endeavour evangelical Anglicans have a central contribution to make.

All of this comes to my mind as we at the College launch into a special year, when we will complete an accreditation self-study, initiate a curriculum review, and embark on a strategic plan. These efforts are about many things, but they had better all be, indirectly, about the authority and guidance of the Word of God in and over the Church as well.

In this copy of *Insight* you will read about the ministries of Merv Mercer, Joe Mangina and Dallas Willard, all of whom, in their various ways, demonstrate in their lives the Spirit-filled primacy of the Word of God in the Church. While we celebrate their ministries, Wycliffe keeps its ‘eye on the ball’, especially in the ways their thinking and serving remove hindrances so that the Word may be heard. And that abiding ministry, in this centennial year for the Chapel, is what continues, generation to generation, to bind our work together.

Peace,



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



# Announcements

## Dr. Joseph Mangina promoted to Senior Professor

We are pleased to announce the promotion of Dr. Joseph Mangina to Senior Professor. Prof. Mangina has taught at Wycliffe since 1998. Born and raised in New Jersey, he began his theological studies at Yale Divinity School. Two years of church work in the divided city of Berlin were followed by a return to Yale, where he completed a Ph.D. in systematic theology in 1994. Prof. Mangina's promotion lecture can be read at [www.wycliffecollege.ca](http://www.wycliffecollege.ca)



## Rt. Rev. Michael Oulton W'92, consecrated Bishop of the Diocese of Ontario

We are pleased to announce that Wycliffe graduate, the Rt. Rev. Michael Oulton W'92, was consecrated Bishop of the Diocese of Ontario on June 11th at the Cathedral Church of St. George in Kingston. Bishop Oulton was consecrated co-adjutor bishop of the Diocese of Ontario, meaning he will take over as Diocesan Bishop, when Bishop George Bruce retires later this year. Originally from New Brunswick, Bishop Oulton completed his Master of Divinity Degree at Wycliffe College after an initial career in law.



## Prof. Merv Mercer Retiring as Professor of Anglican Formation and Field Education

To many of us Merv Mercer is a Pastor, Preacher, Professor or Friend. But even if you have never had the chance to meet Merv, you may still have benefited because of his long reaching pastoral influence on Wycliffe graduates.

Merv has impacted the ministry of a wide range of church leaders. Over his years at Wycliffe, Merv has given much more than academic teaching. He has given great practical advice to future pastors about coping with real life in a faith communities.

Wycliffe was glad when Merv took on administrative assignments, as he did often as

Assistant Principal. He would always bring order out of whatever chaos existed – whether it was around student placements, adjunct processing, or basic degree admissions.

We know that Merv will continue to be a much loved pastor in the parish setting as he will take up an interim ministry this summer. And this is fitting, as throughout his career at Wycliffe, his service to the College, the Church and it's future leaders was always pastoral first and foremost. We will miss you Merv!

# Wycliffe College Graduating Class of 2011

## THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF MINISTRY

Ruth Yvonne Copland

## THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF THEOLOGY

Jon Mark Vickery

## THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF THEOLOGY

Jason Travis Ingalls  
Gaetane Lecours Marshall

## THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF DIVINITY, HONOURS

Mary Isabelle Barclay  
Jeffery David Hooper  
Rachel Cheryl Kessler  
Deanne Christine Patchett  
Robert George Brown Porter



## THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF DIVINITY

William Lee  
Edwin Tinio Martin  
Glenroy Adonis Rutherford Matthew  
Phyllis Laura Munro  
Elisabeth Jayne Pessah  
Pamela Joy Prideaux  
John Michael Roberts  
David Tigchelaar



## THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF RELIGION

Adam Giacomo Panacci

## THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES IN URBAN & INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Megan Elizabeth Enns  
Theodore Edwin Hunt  
Matthew Isaac Neugebauer

## THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

Rachel Marian Ball  
Alexander C.F. Best  
Jeffrey Boldt  
Suzanne Marie Cherry  
Derwyn James Costinak  
Marie Andrea Green  
Anthony Bruce Harbottle  
Antoine Georges Iranji  
Noreen Wilson Jacka  
Peter Tufford Kennedy  
Angela Christine King  
Dorothea Anne Levy-Ward  
Alexander Loren Quick  
Lane Madison Scruggs  
Robert Alexander Sellitto  
Catherine Mary Smith  
Allison Margaret Taylor  
Michael J. Van Dusen  
Puiwing Wong

## DIPLOMA IN CHRISTIAN STUDIES

Paul Christopher Davidson

## CERTIFICATE IN ANGLICAN STUDIES

Pamela Louise Trondson

## DIPLOMA IN LAY MINISTRY

Diana Reta Bradley  
Joan Mignon Dickson  
Eleanor Diane Fraser  
Sharon Amelia Jones  
Robert John King  
Keith Milks



## THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN THEOLOGY

Amanda Joyce Benckhuysen  
Agnes Choi  
Peter Donald Neumann  
Nathan Wolfe  
Harold Chad Hillier

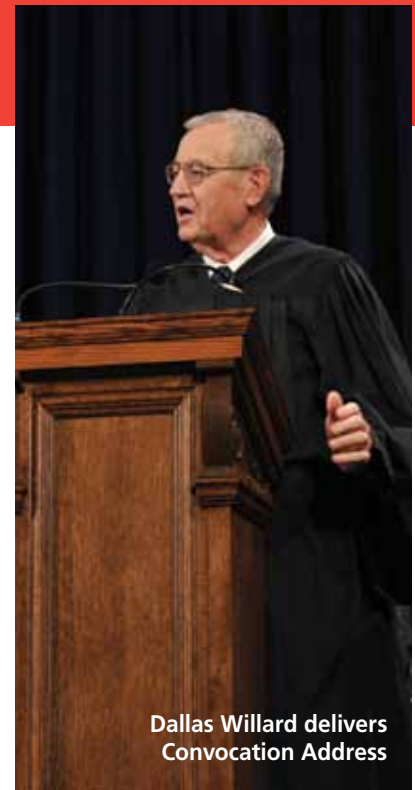
## THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS IN THEOLOGY

Lara Patricia Weisfeld Watson





Class of 2011



Dallas Willard delivers Convocation Address

## HONORIS CAUSA: TWO HONOURARY DEGREES CONFERRED



**THE RT. REV. THOMAS CORSTON**  
Doctor of Divinity  
(Honoris Causa)

Until his consecration as the ninth Bishop of the Diocese of Moosonee on July 6, 2010, the Rt. Rev'd Thomas Corston was at the Church of the Epiphany in Sudbury, ON. He received his Bachelor of Arts from Lakehead University and received his M.Div. from Wycliffe College in 1975. After his graduation from Wycliffe, Bishop Corston felt a call to serve in the missions of the north and was ordained in the Diocese of Moosonee, and served for three years at the Mattagami First Nation reserve.

He then served in the northern ministries in Longlac & CNR Line parishes and then in the South Porcupine and Schumacher parishes until 1983. At which point, he moved to the Diocese of Fredericton, the highlights of which were meeting and marrying his wife, Ruth.

He eventually returned to the Diocese of Algoma, where he served until his consecration in 2010. Bishop Corston and his wife, Ruth, have two sons, Andrew and Stephen.



**REV. DR. JOHN POLKINGHORNE**  
Doctor of Divinity  
(Honoris Causa)

The Rev. Dr. John Polkinghorne is considered one of the greatest living thinkers on science and theology and has been at the forefront of that dialogue for three decades.

He worked for twenty-five years in theoretical elementary particle physics, holding a chair at Cambridge University from 1968-79. A man of deep Christian faith throughout his life, he resigned this chair in 1979, not because of any disillusionment with physics, but to answer God's call to become an Anglican priest. After

five years in parish ministry, he returned to Cambridge as Dean and Chaplain at Trinity Hall. He became President of Queen's College in 1989 and retired in 1996.

His accomplishments were also recognized in 2002 when he received the prestigious Templeton Prize for Progress Toward Research or Discoveries about Spiritual Realities the proceeds of which he gifted to advance postdoctoral research in science & theology at Cambridge University.



# Crawling and Beyond

BY PROF. MERV MERCER

ONE OF THE GREAT PLEASURES OF BEING A grandparent is seeing your grandchildren develop as they pass through various stages of growth. I think there may be some ways in which we're freer to see such things in a way there wasn't really time for as a parent. Now we're freed from the daily grind of child care and when we see them we're more aware of how they're progressing. Our second grandson is getting to the crawling stage and the first has gone long past that and is now walking and running although with occasional wobbles. Each stage carries with it some feeling of accomplishment and enjoyment, as mobility increases and the world enlarges.

As much as crawling adds to the world of a child, though, it's only the beginning. I came across an old Peanuts cartoon; in it Charlie Brown is explaining to Snoopy his own development, from lying on his stomach to being on his hands and knees and finally to crawling. He said to Snoopy that he thought crawling was great, that it gave him a new freedom. The cartoon concludes with his saying to the dog, "But let me tell you something ... walking is a whole lot better."

I want to offer this for your reflection as a metaphor of the Christian life. The New Testament is full of Paul's exhortations that we grow up in Christ, that we move from milk to meat in our diet, and that we run the race to the end. There's no sense in which this ever ends in this life; it's a lifelong development as we grow up as Christians. The question, then, remains for each of us: how grown up in the faith

are we? Are we still crawling or have we managed to stand up and walk, or maybe even race?

You may think it's strange for a person at my stage of life to be asking such questions. Nevertheless, I'm convinced that such questions never cease to be relevant in a Christian life. Each stage we enter as we age has its own growth imperatives to choose or to miss. Even the experience of dying has the same potential for Christian growth within it. In fact, hope and growth walk hand in hand and fill our hearts with Christ even as we breathe our last.

A life of ministry is also full of growth imperative. As you move from congregation to congregation in leadership, you will need to call on new learning and faith understanding to overcome new challenges. Only as you continue to grow will your faith be vital enough to equip you for new

ministry. As you journey you will likely see leaders and Christians in general who have become stuck at one stage or another. They seem to have felt they were completed as a faith project themselves, and can offer nothing new to any one else.

This is also true of faith communities you will encounter. They, too, can freeze in their development and never progress to the next stage of the development God has for them as they "grow up" into Christ. They never look to their future, because they are so often frozen in a "golden" past.

Crawling or walking, or even running; where are you located? Every stage of development you achieve will have even greater rewards and bring you closer to God. So keep growing; it's God's way.

## Save the Date

**October 2, 2011**

**Wycliffe Founders' Day**  
St. James' Cathedral,  
Toronto  
Preacher: Prof. Peter  
Robinson

**October 5, 2011**

**Preaching Day**  
w/ Fleming Rutledge  
and Peter Robinson

**October 12, 2011**

**The Future of Rural Ministry**  
w/ Cameron Harder  
& Panel Discussion

**November 16, 2011**

**100th Anniversary Celebration and Rededication of Founders' Chapel**  
Wycliffe College  
(check website for details)

**November 23, 2011**

**Sadleir Lecture:**  
w/ Mwita Akiri

# Vital Church Planting

## God has already prepared the way

BY THE REV. SUSAN BELL W'98

This year's Vital Church Planting conference at St. Paul's in Toronto was a good news event. We gathered for mutual education and encouragement and to hear where God is at work building the church. As Beth Fellingner, church planter and keynote speaker put it, "the Good News is that God is always out in front of us - God's already there - preparing people's hearts to receive him, preparing us to go and make disciples." Her own community's commitment to being salt and light in St. Thomas, Ontario is case and point. The Destination Church is a church plant committed to working according to the leading of the Holy Spirit; to offering the Gospel as the fulfillment of need and emptiness where they see it. This kind of commitment to responsiveness and accompaniment is inspiring and is also a mandate for the church.

Stephen Croft, Bishop of the Diocese of Lichfield and our second keynote speaker, offered a Christ-like vision for the church based on Jesus' sermon on the mount. In conjunction with a working group of English Bishops, he also offered some guidelines for fresh expressions that helped to define them as "church" and

said that they must include: Scripture; Baptism and the Eucharist; the Nicene and Apostle's Creed; the three-fold order of ministry and a strong commitment to mission. This "irreducible minimum" as he called it was a reminder that as we journey into the future, we also carry with us a living tradition that has been given to us by all those past fresh expressions of church from the Acts of the Apostles onwards.

The workshops were designed to help us explore what God is doing in our communities and how we can join this ministry of renewal. We had the benefit of the experience of those who have waded into missional waters and have things to tell us: The Rev. Simon Bell spoke about the mixed economy church in a changing urban context; and other pertinent topics such as teaching the faith to beginners, offered by Wycliffe's own Dr. John Bowen and the Rev. Jenny Andison W'97 to an engaging workshop on Messy Church by The Rev. Nancy Rowe and Sue Kalbfleisch helped to educate us for a missional reality.



A particular highlight was Stephen Cottrell, Bishop of Chelmsford, brought to us by the wonders of Skype, who led an exciting discussion about fresh expressions of church in the sacramental tradition. As in other ecclesiological traditions, he urged us to continue to move and grow and find new cultural clothes for the Gospel and said that movements like the New Monasticism are also providing momentum from the catholic tradition for the regeneration of the church.

Mission means that we're trying things. Some things will be sustainable, some won't, but the effort to read our culture and our communities to see where God is already at work will be a valuable and productive experience in itself. I am left with a feeling hope, excitement and gratitude for the ministry and mission that is opening out in front of us for God's church.



*Bishop Steve Croft- Fresh Expression UK*



*Rev. Dr. Connie DenBok - Leading Workshop*



Photos: Michael Hudson

# Recommended Summer Reading

Prof. Peter Robinson – Professor of Proclamation, Worship and Ministry

*Good News in Exile: three pastors offer a hopeful vision for the Church*  
Martin Copenhaver, Anthony Robinson, William Willimon



The co-authors all grew up in mainline liberal Churches in the United States and in one way or another they all ended up in ministry. Somewhere along the way they each began to question the paradigms which informed their understanding of the Church. Their questions and concerns became more urgent as they recognised the ways in which the churches they had grown up in were losing touch with the surrounding culture. This 'exile' happened in part because the churches rather than critiquing culture had been shaped by culture. As culture moved on the churches were left defending an understanding of faith that said more about an earlier era than the gospel. What is refreshing in this book is that the authors are not simply proposing new and innovative ways to breathe life into a moribund church. They are not trying to catch up with culture. Rather, they acknowledge this as a time of exile which is not necessarily a bad thing if it results in a return to the central tenants of the gospel.

*Unfinished Agenda; an Updated Autobiography, 1993*  
Leslie Newbigin

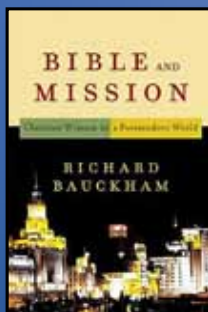


I find it inspiring to read stories about great people of faith. All the more when the individuals in question would never see themselves as 'great heroes' of the faith. In some sense it has been a surprise for me to discover the many different courses at Wycliffe where Newbigin's books are used or referred to. Clearly many people believe that he has a lot to say to us today. Not only are Newbigin's insights helpful, his clear thinking, his perceptive comments on culture and his passion for the Gospel make for stimulating reading.

His personal story is delightful, full of details of the challenges and issues which he faced throughout his varied ministry. He originally published this autobiography in 1985 only to discover that he still had the time to finish some of those things left unfinished. With encouragement from friends he republished it in 1993 five years before he died. Although he realised significant accomplishments in his later years his unfinished agenda kept on growing and that says a lot about his attitude towards the Christian life.

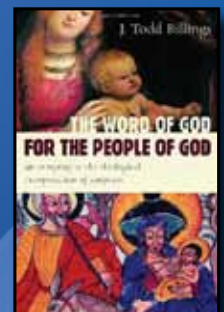
## Principal George Sumner

*Bible and Mission: Christian witness in a postmodern world*  
Richard Bauckham



*Bible and Mission: Christian witness in a postmodern world* by Richard Bauckham, addresses the question of what a mission oriented hermeneutic of Scripture would look like. Along the way he considers how Christian mission should respond to a post-modern critique.

*The Word of God for the People of God: an entryway to the theological interpretation of Scripture*  
by J. Todd Billings



This is an accessible introduction to a canonical, consciously theological, post-liberal approach to Scripture. I think it goes well with the aforementioned.

# Crux Books, the Next Chapter

BY ED HAYLEY

When we, as Wycliffe Alumni/ae, drum up memories of our days in seminary we often recall fond memories of our frequent visits to Crux Books. Be it for the numerous books required by our professors or the famous coffee, Crux Books was like visiting an oasis where we could pause and get refreshed during our often hectic student life. And, if we were lucky, we encountered Pat Paas, the rather eccentric and lively founder of Crux whose loud voice often echoed into Blackwell Lounge or whose golf club was used to chase out squirrels or jettison cardboard boxes from the store.

We were all shocked by Pat's sudden death a few years ago, and we miss him. But I am writing to tell you that Pat's ministry still continues.

It's been just over a year since Cindy and I bought Crux Books from the Paas family. After much prayer and discernment, we strongly felt God's call to ensure this important ministry continues.

Cindy is the General Manager of Crux Books. She worked for Pat and for Pat's family during the interim before we bought the store. Cindy has also been a student at Wycliffe, in the M.Rel. program. She manages our great part-time staff at Crux, many of whom are current TST students. Cindy's love for education, desire to see people grow and develop new skills, and experience and passion in retail business suit her well for her calling at Crux.



I am an alumnus of Wycliffe, having graduated with an M.Div. in 2005. Currently, I am helping Cindy develop business for the store as we feel this important ministry must reach more people, especially as other Christian bookstores are closing.

Crux Books is still located at Wycliffe College, and still offers affordable books and other resources (our prices are usually discounted 20% off retail, with deeper discounts for our specials). The same Crux ambiance also remains, where many enjoy a cup of coffee, listen to jazz, browse our incredible selection or just rest and relax.

So, the next time you are in Toronto, we would love to see you. Come in and say hello. For those of you who, due to distance, can't easily make it to the store, we still offer the same great savings online, with the ability to ship worldwide. Just visit us at [www.cruxbooks.com](http://www.cruxbooks.com). We are still here to serve you.

May God richly bless your ministry!

## WE REMEMBER THOSE ALUMNI "CALLED HOME" IN 2010-2011

### I N M E M O R I A M

The Rev. Thomas A. Barnett, W '46 • The Rev. William D. Bates, W'55 • Mr. D. Robert Hall, W 2004

The Rev. Canon Fred G. Hall, W'56 • Mr. Peter Hiett, W'2007 • The Rev. John A. Lombard, W'66

The Rt. Rev. J. Taylor Pryce, W'86 *Honorary degree recipient* • The Rev. Ronald L. Risley, W'70 • Mr. Victor Redwood W'10

The Rev. Dr. Harry S. Robinson, W'55 • Mrs. Thelma E. Horsey Scott, W'54 • The Rev. Peter F. Wilkinson, W'51

The Rev. H. F. Woodhouse, Honorary Degree Recipient (*year unknown*) • The Rev. Dalton L. Woodward, W'59

*'...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



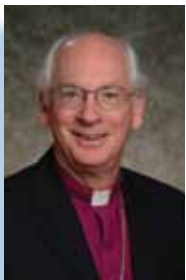
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# Alumni/ae

NEWS

## Greetings from Wycliffe

– by Bishop Peter Mason, Editor



Dear Friends,

My recent invitation for alumni/ae news brought a wealth of challenging, encouraging, and interesting information. I trust you will enjoy catching up on some of your former classmates and learn what others have been up to in recent months.

## ALUMNI/AE ASSOCIATION WELCOME BACK BBQ

Thursday, Sept. 8, 2011, Wycliffe College, Toronto

If you plan to be in Toronto on September 8th, 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!

Please contact  
[wycliffe.development@utoronto.ca](mailto:wycliffe.development@utoronto.ca),  
for more information and to RSVP.



# Alumni Updates

### From the 50's

**Reginald Stackhouse, W 50.** This year marks several milestones in the life of Wycliffe's Principal Emeritus, Reg Stackhouse, and his family. Planned and organized by their children and extended families, a gala celebration of Reg and Margaret's Diamond Wedding Anniversary was held at Baycrest Hospital where Margaret resides. Singing, eating, and story-telling occupied the attention of some thirty family members as well as several old friends. Earlier in the year Reg was awarded the Order of Ontario - one of only thirty recipients - in recognition of his outstanding contribution to many areas of public life. Among these were his leadership in establishing the Ontario Community College network, his service in the federal parliament where he spearheaded efforts in penal reform and human rights. Reg's current preoccupations include serving as Margaret's chief caregiver, and preparing to teach a TST

course entitled "Christianity and Politics." May God continue to bless us through you, Reg.

**The Rev. Earl Gerber, W 53.** One of Wycliffe's veteran graduates, Earl is currently an Honorary Assistant at St. Andrew's Church, Alliston, Ontario. He continues to preach regularly at Sunday services, and occasionally celebrated the Eucharist in Inuktitut at the chapel at Fenbrook. This is a medium security Corrections Canada facility near the Muskoka airport, where about two dozen male Inuit from Nunavut and Arctic Quebec are serving time. The 8-12 people who attend the services greatly appreciate the ministry in their own tongue.

**Kay Ironside Wilkinson, W 58,** writes from Parry Sound where she now lives in a building attached to a long term seniors assisted living residence. Although Kay cannot accomplish

all she used to do, she still keeps busy serving in the residents' tuck shop, conducting Sunday worship, participating in the Retired Teachers' Association, and simply sharing a cup of tea and a kind word with whomever is around. Like so many others, Kay is concerned about the decline in church membership and activity. Nevertheless despite limitations one still asks for the strength of the Holy Spirit to make each day count for the work of the Lord.

### From the 60's

**The Rev. Douglas Jacques, W 61.** Reflecting on fifty years of ordained ministry in the Dioceses of Toronto and Moosonee, Doug realised that since his 'official' retirement he had served ten appointments in interim ministry. "What struck me is the variety of wonderful Christian people who asked for my help in their time of need. It was a real privilege to work with them."

# Alumni Updates continued...

**The Rev. Canon Tom Martin, W 63.** Tom has just completed 27 years of ministry as a parish priest in the northern Quebec community of Great Whale River. The village in fact comprises two distinct communities – Cree and Inuit – necessitating two expressions of schools, clinics, police forces, municipal governments, etc. The parishioners share the same church building, but they double the number of services, worshipping in the language of the appropriate community. Although having suffered some debilitating health issues, Tom copes by using a cane and has just undergone cataract surgery. He is currently chair of the diocesan synod agenda committee, planning for a synod in Iqaluit in 2012, which will include dedication of the new cathedral, distribution of the new translation of the Old Testament, and the possible election of a suffragan bishop. All the while Tom and his parish continue to support the Rev. Annie Ittoshat from Great Whale River as she continues her M.Div. studies at Wycliffe. Blessings upon you Canon Tom!

## From the 70's

**The Rev. Canon Bill Kibblewhite, W 72.** In retirement Bill remains active in ministry, serving on the clergy team at St. Peter's Church, Mississauga, Ontario, with special responsibility for pastoral care. Among several committees of which he is a member, Bill chairs the Friends of Wycliffe and the Leonard Retired Graduates' Trust. He and his wife Linda are active in their town home condo community, and find just enough time to enjoy their grandchildren Ethan and Sadie.

**The Rev. Reg MacDonald, W 74.** One of Wycliffe's proud maritime alumni/ae, Reg serves as an honorary assistant in the Parish of St. John's, Lunenburg, Nova Scotia. During the rector's absence on a Holy Land pilgrimage, Reg confidently assumed full responsibility for the worship and pastoral life of this historic parish. Since his retirement, Reg has become 'more ecumenical', filling in for the local Lutheran churches and conducting occasional services for a small United Church. "It has been an enriching experience and I have been thankful that I have good health to be able to respond

as needed." Their three children and five grandchildren are scattered from Halifax to Toronto. In August Reg and his wife Sandy will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary, with a trip to Spain and Portugal on their agenda. "We invite any of our Wycliffe family to come and see us if they are in the area; there will be a royal welcome!"

## Archdeacon Gordon Finney, W 78.

The Seventies must be the decade of grandchildren! Gordon and his wife Adele welcomed the arrival of their first grandchild Ella Finney Ramsey in March. Adele is currently the Executive Director of the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund, a most challenging and significant position in our church. In their Parish of St. John the Evangelist, Peterborough, Ontario, a million dollar renovation has just been completed. Its slogan was "Welcoming our community, conserving our environment, and enhancing our worship." Congratulations to both Gordon and Adele!

**Dr. Barbara Leung Lai, W 79.** Barbara is currently an associate professor of Old Testament, and director of the Chinese Ministry program at Tyndale Seminary in Toronto. Recently Sheffield Phoenix Press published her book: *Through the T Window: The Inner Life of Characters in the Hebrew Bible*. Well done, Barbara.

## From the 80's

### The Rev. Canon Richard Jones, W 81.

Richard has served as Canon Missioner for the Diocese of Huron since 2009, and will continue in that position upon retirement at the end of this July. His 30 years of ordained ministry have been spent in the Dioceses of Toronto and Huron. Whatever the future brings, Richard continues to be excited about future ministry opportunities. A happy and productive retirement, Richard.



**The Rt. Rev. Stephen Wing Hong Leung, W 84.** Recently Stephen was chosen and consecrated Suffragan Bishop in the Anglican Network in Canada (ANIC)

His responsibilities include oversight of multicultural ministry, leadership of Asian ministry in Canada, and rector of the ANIC Church of the Good Shepherd in Vancouver. Stephen identifies his particular ministry as a call to build up the Asian Christian churches, in particular facilitating trust and partnership between first and second generation leaders. In March the Asian Mission in Canada launched the Inaugural Conference in Regent College, with over 170 pastors, seminarians, and lay leaders attending.

**The Rev. Victor Li, W 86.** Having served as priest in charge of the Church of St. John the Divine, Scarborough, Victor will become the new incumbent of St. Cyprian's Church, Willowdale. Married to Julia Kwan, a funeral director, they now live in Thornhill, Ontario.

**The Rev. Canon Kim Beard, W 89.** For many years, Kim has led volunteer mission teams to various locations around the globe. This summer is no different. In July Kim will lead a multi-focussed team of 52 volunteers to Kenya, Tanzania, and India. In Kenya they will partner with Archbishop Eliud Wabukela and the cathedral in Nairobi to offer medical and dental clinics, establish four new elementary school libraries and participate in several street children's projects. At the same time ten volunteers will cooperate with Bishop Mwita Akiri in Tarime, Tanzania, adding cement floors to several churches. And a team of five volunteers will serve in Calcutta with the Missionaries of Charity in their home for the dying. Finally in August another team from St. Paul's-on-the-Hill and St. John's, Bowmanville, plan to be in Guatemala to help construct four new homes for needy families with the Arms of Jesus Mission.

## From the 90's

**The Rev. Tim Parent, W 90.** Tim writes from Pembroke, Ontario, with news that he and his wife Jane Manary, W 97, have joined the Anglican Network in Canada. In November, 2008, they launched a church plant – St. Luke's in Pembroke. Since then the parish has grown to some 140 worshippers each Sunday. They have purchased and renovated a hall for their weekly worship and other activities. Their

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parish motto is “Bible based – Spirit filled – Mission oriented.” In November 2010 Jane was ordained deacon. “We hold fond memories of Wycliffe, and look forward to the future, seeking the Lord and trusting in Him.”

## From the 2000's

### Brian Cooper, W 01 and W 06.

Brian and his family have lived in Mission, BC, since the fall of 2006, where Brian has served as Pastor of Family Ministries at Northside Community Church. Beginning August 1, 2011, he will be the Associate Dean at Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary at Associated Canadian Theological Schools (MBBS-ACTS) in Langley, BC, and Assistant Professor at MBBS Canada.

### Ins Choi, W 02.

Since graduating from Wycliffe Ins Choi returned to the professional theatre, performing for two seasons at the Stratford Shakespeare Festival. Currently he is on stage in three productions at Toronto's Soulpepper Theatre. He has also written a play entitled 'Kim's Convenience' about a prodigal son returning home. It is set in Regent Park in Downtown Toronto, and involves a Korean



family, their convenience store, and their Christian faith. It won the Best New Play contest for the 2011 Fringe Festival and will be featured in Toronto this July 6-7. Friends may contact the website at [www.kimsconvenience.com](http://www.kimsconvenience.com). Congratulations and best of luck!

### The Rev. Dana Dickson, W 02.



Dana is engaged to Stewart Bond, and will be married in August at St. John's Church, Rosedale, with the Rev. Stephen Smith, W 02, as the Man of Honour. Stewart's proposal of marriage was rather imaginative. Both of them being curlers, he tied the engagement ring to the handle of a curling stone and delivered it to her in the house. About half way down the ice, Dana noticed the little rock on the big rock. As it came to rest at her feet, Stewart removed the ring, knelt down on the button and proposed.

### Kelly Duffett, W 1999-2003.

Many Wycliffe students, faculty, and staff have fond memories of Kelly Duffett and her family who lived in the college from 1999-2003. Kelly worked at the Front Desk and

latterly in the business office with Peter Patterson. Her daughters Leah and Hannah have good memories of their Wycliffe family. It was a rare pleasure for them to spend some of their formative years in such a stimulating and nurturing atmosphere. Leah graduates with honours from Riverview High School, New Brunswick in June. She has been accepted to Mount Allison University in September; Leah longs to return to Toronto... perhaps someday Wycliffe College will once again be her home!

### The Rev. Michael Peterson, W 04.

Michael is in his fifth year of military chaplaincy, serving at Canadian Forces Base Suffield, near Medicine Hat, Alberta. He is the only permanent chaplain on the base, ministering to a small Canadian garrison, and a large British contingent. He is responsible for Christ the King Chapel which serves a growing congregation of British and Canadian families. Michael has the opportunity of working with British chaplains who spend the summer in Canada with their own troops. “It is a great ministry that combines the weekly round of word and sacrament with all the unpredictable daily work of military chaplaincy”.



**Janet Stern, W 07.** Since leaving Wycliffe a few years ago, Janet has become a part time volunteer as the chaplain at Kerr Street Ministries in Oakville, Ontario; she also serves as an elder at Chartwell Baptist Church. Her four children are all heavily engaged in university studies... from McGill to Queen's to Capetown to Dublin! Janet's husband Sol is busy as a family doctor in Oakville.

### Kathryn Calzavara, W 09.

Kathryn wants all her Wycliffe friends to know that she has recently become the Spiritual Care Chaplain for the Fraser Health Authority's end-of-life care program in British Columbia.

### The Rev. Kari Marcelle, W 09.

Kari was ordained in the Diocese of the Windward Islands (the Anglican Province of the West Indies) on December 15, 2010, at St. Paul's Parish Church, Calliaqua, St. Vincent and the Grenadines. Following his ordination the bishop appointed him as deacon assistant in St. Paul's with St. John. Kari invites our prayers for his new ministry, and trusts we shall enjoy a productive 2011.



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Director of Development

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