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WYCLIFFE COLLEGE WELCOMES CAROL BOETTCHER AS NEW BOARD CHAIR

TORONTO—Wycliffe College is pleased to announce the election of Carol Boettcher as Chair of the Board of Trustees. Boettcher was elected to the role by the Board at the Annual General Meeting, Wednesday, November 27, 2019.

A retired senior executive, Boettcher was first appointed to the Board in 2015. Before she retired from full-time work, she was Vice-President of Human Resources and Organizational Development at Toronto Rehabilitation Institute, having previously worked as Vice-President of Human Resources and Education at Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital, and as Vice-President Human Resources and Student Services at Niagara College.

Since retiring, she has provided independent labour arbitration services for such clients as the Children's Aid Society of Toronto, and the Ontario Hospital Association, and human resources consulting for various not-for-profit organizations including the Pediatric Oncology Group of Ontario, and Wellspring.

Her task as Chair will be to guide the Board as it pursues the objectives laid out in the College's new Strategic Plan. "I'm excited about the challenges ahead," Boettcher said. "We have an energized and excellent Strategic Plan and great leadership in terms of the staff and faculty to execute it. As a Board, we will be making sure that we have the appropriate resources to successfully reach the financial and student recruitment targets that we've established."

Previous Board Chair Bob Hamilton said, "I am so pleased that the Board of Trustees has elected Carol to succeed me as Chair. She brings to her new position a deep commitment to Wycliffe College, a collaborative working manner, and she is a strong supporter of the church. I have every confidence Carol will do an excellent job in leading the College as it continues to educate people for practical ministry and theological scholarship for the church and the world."

Boettcher expresses a deep affection for Wycliffe College. "Wycliffe matters to me because for more than 142 years, people have been nurtured and equipped for ministry and theological scholarship here," she explains. "I look forward to helping the College continue to grow and thrive to carry on that legacy."

Boettcher says she has a “powerful respect for what education can do in the lives of people ... it is the way we learn and grow—as individuals and communities.” She holds a Bachelor of Arts in History from the University of Waterloo, a Master of Arts in Education from Central Michigan, and a certificate in Alternate Dispute Resolution from the University of Toronto.

College Principal Stephen Andrews said, “I am delighted that Carol has accepted the Board’s appointment. She brings a wealth of experience in senior management in the corporate sector and a lively Christian faith. Her long-standing support of the College, and especially her contribution to the development of College policies and in framing internal structures to meet the goals of the new Strategic Plan, makes her ideal for this job. I look forward to working with her as Wycliffe goes from strength to strength, all in the grace of God.”

The church and Christian service have always been important parts of her life. “I never knew a time when I didn’t experience the love and peace that comes from being a part of God’s family,” Boettcher said.

She and her husband of 36 years, Carl Johnson, make their home in Toronto.

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Downloadable high-resolution photos of Carol Boettcher are available.

About Wycliffe College:

Wycliffe College is a graduate theological school, affiliated with the University of Toronto and Toronto School of Theology. Located at the centre of the University of Toronto in the heart of Canada’s most multicultural city, Wycliffe College is an evangelical seminary with roots in the Anglican tradition, educating and equipping students to thrive as future Church and community leaders.

Founded in 1877, Wycliffe today is one of this country’s largest seminaries. It boasts a world-class teaching staff, fees among the most affordable in Canada, and a low student-to-faculty ratio. Known for an enduring commitment to intellectual rigour, evangelical vision, and practical action, Wycliffe College attracts more than 250 students from a broad range of denominations, backgrounds, and nations each year.

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