

**News Release**

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**WYCLIFFE COLLEGE ANNOUNCES HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS  
MAY 2021 CONVOCATION**

TORONTO—On Monday, May 17, 2021, Wycliffe College will hold its annual Convocation for the conferral of doctoral and masters degrees conjointly with the University of Toronto. Due to current COVID restrictions, all aspects of the ceremony will be held virtually. Honourand Bishop Annie Ittoshat will preach at the Convocation Chapel Service.

On Tuesday, May 18, 2021, at 12:00 noon (ET), Wycliffe will host a special ceremony to confer Honorary Doctorates on the Most Rev'd Mouneer Anis, the Rt Rev'd Annie Ittoshat, and the Rt Rev'd Stephen Leung. This will be followed by a Convocation Address by Archbishop Anis, on the topic of "The Vocation of a Minority Church in a Multicultural Context," with response by Bishop Leung. All three will participate in a panel discussion on the same topic, moderated by the Rev'd Canon Dr Ephraim Radner, Wycliffe's Professor of Historical Theology.

All are welcome to join us on May 18, via Zoom. The registration link will soon be available on our website [www.wycliffecollege.ca](http://www.wycliffecollege.ca).

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Honourand Biographies:

**The Most Rev'd Mouneer Anis, Archbishop of the Province of Alexandria, Diocesan Bishop of Egypt**

Mouneer Anis was born in 1950 in the Delta of the Nile, Egypt. He received his Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery at Cairo University, Egypt in 1974. From 1979–2000 he served at [Harpur Memorial Hospital](#) in Menouf both as a Resident Doctor and, from 1980, as the Director of the Hospital.

In 1985, Dr Mouneer studied Internal Medicine at the Royal Post-Graduate Medical School in London. In 1986, he received a Diploma of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene at the London School of Tropical Medicine. In 1993, he received a Certificate in Hospital Management and Administrations from the School of Public Health at the University of California.

In 1998, Dr Mouneer was ordained as Deacon and in 1999, he was ordained a priest and served at [All Saints Cathedral, Cairo](#). He then became the Executive director of administration in the Diocese of Egypt. He did practical and theological training at Moore Theological College in Sydney, Australia, the Diocese of Canterbury in Kent (UK) as well as at Nashotah House in Wisconsin, USA. In 1999, he was elected by

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the Diocesan Synod to be the third Egyptian Bishop of the Diocese of Egypt with North Africa and the Horn of Africa. In 2007, Bishop Mouneer was elected as the Primate of the [Episcopal/Anglican Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East](#). He was re-elected to serve another term as Primate in 2012. He was elected chairman of the Global South Anglicans of the Anglican Communion in 2012, and he presently continues in this position. In May 2020 when the new Province of Alexandria was formed, Archbishop Mouneer became the first archbishop of the Province.

Bishop Mouneer focuses his efforts on building bridges in society. In this regard, he played a key role in the interfaith agreement between the Anglican Communion and Al Azhar Al Sharif which was signed in 2002. He also participated for several years in the C-100 of the World Economic Forum as one of the religious leaders in this committee. He became a member of “Beit-el-Aila” (House of the Family) in 2011, chaired by the Grand Imam of Al Azhar and the Coptic Orthodox Pope of Alexandria. Bishop Mouneer is currently the Chair of the Anglican Communion Interfaith Commission.

The Diocese of Egypt under his leadership is now playing an important role in building bridges in order to achieve religious harmony and national unity. In this regard, Bishop Mouneer gave many lectures and speeches in many universities and organizations all over the world.

Bishop Mouneer is married to Nancy. They have two sons, Shady and Ramez, and two grandchildren.

### **The Rt Rev'd Annie Ittoshat, Suffragan Bishop of the Arctic**

Annie Napartuk Ittoshat was born in 1970 in Kuujjuaraapik, Northern Quebec.

Annie's childhood was spent in the midst of a rapidly changing environment for her parents. When she was a young child, her parents were forced to leave behind the coastal camps and move inland to “civilization.”

Because of her young age Annie did not go to residential school, but she was immersed in the trauma of the life changes of her formerly dignified father. His dog sled teams were slaughtered, and his two boys taken and sent to residential schools. In a very short period of time her parents' world changed, as they moved from dignity, identity, and purpose to alcoholism. She grew up feeling lost due to her parents' devastation and struggles.

In time Annie attended John Abbott College and studied Social Science. Her hope was to move on from there to university to complete a degree in Social Work. When Annie was finishing her studies at John Abbott College she had a dream. In that area, God revealed the Call and Vocation that was placed on her life.

She graduated from John Abbott College in Montreal in 2010, then went to seminary at Arthur Turner Training School in Pangnirtung, Nunavut from 2004 to 2006. She attended Wycliffe College from 2011 to 2013.

When Annie considers her unfolding narrative, she is clearly able to see that God has guided, protected and given her the gift of a calling to Ministry. Annie became the first Inuk to graduate from Wycliffe College and first Inuk female Bishop within her region.

Annie is married to Noah Ittoshat. They have five grown children and four grandchildren. She oversees 15 communities in her region of Nunavik Northern Quebec.

**The Rt Rev'd Stephen Leung, Area Bishop for Asian and Multicultural Ministries  
Anglican Network in Canada**

Since 1990, Bishop Stephen has been Rector of the Anglican Network Church of the Good Shepherd, a 130-year-old parish in Vancouver, BC, spearheading gospel outreach and church planting among the Chinese community and growing a multi-generational church in the city. Bishop Stephen was consecrated in 2009, and oversees planting of ethnic congregations and advocates raising and collaborating with both the immigrant and local-born leadership.

Bishop Stephen has an MDiv from Wycliffe College (1984), and served in the Anglican Diocese of Hong Kong and Macau after graduation. He has a ThM from Regent College, Vancouver, BC, and has lectured in seminaries in Canada and Hong Kong on the subject matter of his thesis, "*Face-Shame in the Chinese Culture: A Divine Reverse for Spiritual Growth in Christian Community*," which is relevant to many Asian cultures.

Bishop Stephen has been married to Nona for 39 years. They live with their adult daughter, Grace, in beautiful British Columbia.

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