



Greetings friends!

It was a year ago this week that I began serving as director of the Institute of Evangelism, building on the strong foundations laid by Harold Percy and John Bowen. And what a year it's been! Here are some highlights:

- **Christian Foundations, a small-group resource was developed.** Published in June, this workbook has already been ordered by over 70 churches. The goal is that this resource will help ground new Christians in an overview of the gospel, the biblical story, the creeds and canon of Scripture, Church history, the Christian disciplines and vocation. In addition to those already using the workbooks in churches across Canada and the USA, fifteen people are presently studying the material at Wycliffe on nine Saturdays spread across the year. Several of our course attendees have already told us they look forward to leading the course in their churches and neighbourhoods.
- **Over thirty future leaders for the Church studied evangelism and the interaction between gospel, church and culture.** These students learned how to best cultivate and lead churches able to share the faith, in both word and deed, in the context in which God has placed them. Additionally, Wycliffe continued to attract students into its Pioneer track MDiv, equipping them with skills in church planting, contextualized worship, and missional leadership.
- **We began redeveloping the Institute's website, which we expect will be completed by the end of January.** This new site will not only profile many of the resources and services the Institute offers, but will be better adapted for use by the many people accessing the site with mobile devices.
- **A team of mentors is being assembled, who will help churches assess and develop their skills in specific areas related to sharing the faith.** As of today, we have mentors with experience and skills in such areas as on-line & print communications, missional small groups, community engagement, children's ministry, and every-member evangelism.



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Of course none of this work could happen without your partnership as friends of the Institute. I am truly thankful for each one of you; for your prayers, financial support, and notes of encouragement. **We hope you will join us to learn more about each of these new initiatives at the upcoming Institute of Evangelism Dinner on Thursday March 9th, 2017.** It should be a wonderful evening as we gather in Wycliffe's beautiful Leonard Hall to share delicious food, good conversation, and encouraging news of God at work.

Our keynote speaker this year will be the Rev'd Graham Singh who will be sharing news of St. Jax, a new urban church plant in the heart of Montreal that is bringing new life to one of that city's historic churches and the neighbourhood surrounding it.

Please find an invitation to this wonderful evening enclosed with this letter. I'll look forward to seeing you all there!

Working together for God's glory,



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for your support*