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Wycliffe Speaks

BY RICK MARANTA

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS

AS I REFLECT ON MY NEW ROLE as Director of Communications here at Wycliffe College and the exciting opportunities ahead of us as we embark on new social media initiatives, revamp our web site, and find new avenues of expression, I am encouraged that to the early church, Jesus gave ordinary people, extraordinary power, to articulate a world-changing message. I believe that God is doing that here at Wycliffe College as well.

We have been entrusted with an incredible message of hope that has been stewarded throughout the years by a passionate and gifted faculty and staff committed to training leaders in the service of Christ. God has given us the amazing spiritual and intellectual resources and it is our responsibility to move out and use them to communicate in a way that people can hear. The world of academia can sometimes become insular where research and dialogue gets shared within a very small circle. But Wycliffe College is not interested in hiding its light "under a bushel" but rather in sharing it with as many people as possible.

I think it is true that to those who have been given much, much will be required. But I don't think God will leave us on our own with this responsibility. God didn't leave his early church alone with the great responsibility to go into the



entire world and proclaim the Gospel. He infused it with gifts for this task through his Holy Spirit. He gave it a new voice and a new tongue.

Those such as Apostle Peter and Stephen the first martyr, were supernaturally empowered to speak boldly and convincingly on behalf of Christ to those that opposed them. Women were given new voices to lead and participate more fully in the life of God with confidence and authority. Men like the Apostle Paul were transformed to speak before kings, emperors and leaders in far off lands, while the disenfranchised, the outcast and the alien were given status like never before within a religious community.

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At Wycliffe College, we look forward to speaking in a new voice that will help draw more students to our school but more importantly, we want to help transform our world. We are eager to go into the entire world calling people to service and a faith that will make a practical difference. However, we must not only speak into to new worlds geographically, but must also enter into the new worlds right in front of us – worlds formed through new technologies, social media, audio, film, and digital communities. It is an incredible challenge

with exciting new possibilities. News travels fast in this digital age because people like to share it – especially good news. Perhaps by entering into those worlds and speaking with a new voice, we can give them something worthy of sharing.

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Principal's Message

Dear brothers and sisters,

Greetings in Christ!

My teacher in graduate school, George Lindbeck, was fond of talking about "grammar," patterns which underlie our words and determine how they go. The subject agrees with the verb. Christian theology, according to Lindbeck, also has its own grammar. One principal rule is that God's saving act is always prior to our response. Another is that God's word is powerful and can bring its meaning into being.

Both of these are apropos as we think about all the ways in which we are called to communicate the gospel to the world around us. That is what this issue aims to give you a sense of, from the perch of Wycliffe College. But prior to our communication is His. Ours struggles by His grace to adapt itself to time and clime. His endures, as Isaiah's words in our motto remind us.



This has an implication for an important dimension of our ministry. Doug Milloy, in his eloquent words in our recent principal's dinner, quotes Oswald Chambers' call to students of a bible school, to "soak" in God's words. They were to do this not least because we cannot know what the world's circumstances, or ours, will be in a decade. But God's communication, which makes us who He declares us to be, is always fitting, and cannot grow old. At the heart of our work lies that same soaking of which Chambers spoke.

Peace,

The Rev. Canon Dr. George Sumner

Principal and Helliwell Professor of World Mission



Robust Enrolment

BY BARBARA JENKINS, REGISTRAR AND DIRECTOR OF ADMISSIONS

In the world of theological education, in North America at least, it is significant to report that Wycliffe College has seen another robust enrolment for 2014-15. We welcomed 60 new Basic Degree Students including 19 MDiv, 17 MTS, 7 students in the inaugural cohort for the Graduate Certificate in Missional Leadership and Formation, a student on exchange from Trinity Theological College in Singapore and 4 students studying at St Margaret's in Winnipeg.

In addition we welcomed 16 new Advanced Degree students comprising 10 ThD students, 5 ThM/MA and a DMin student from Hong Kong. The bridge process for ThD students to move to the new conjoint PhD was offered to doctoral students who began in 2014 and 2013 and we have a total of 13 'Bridge' students.

Our total headcount on Oct 1 is 269, i.e. 176 (65.4%) Basic Degree students and 93 (34.6%) Advanced Degree students.

Our summer 2014 program was well attended with a total of 139 students in 11 classes and 19 auditors. This represents 26% of the whole TST summer enrollment. There were 10 students who participated in the Tanzania practicum and a further 21 Wycliffe students enrolled in a summer parish internship.

The addition of a further online class each semester to bring the total to 9 courses per year is in response to increased interest in learning at a distance. We have MDiv students beginning their program with online courses before coming to Toronto and MTS students who are choosing to either begin with online or in some cases complete their program wholly online.

The trend towards part time study for Basic Degree students continues with two thirds of BD students studying part time. If we look at program specifics around 80% of MTS students are part time.

Alumni/ae are vital to our recruitment effort, encouraging prospective students to consider Wycliffe as the destination for further studies as evidenced in the ATS Entering Student Questionnaire and we look forward to following up with people you send our way and inviting them to come visit before making any decisions.

We are grateful to the many individual donors or parish sponsors who help make Wycliffe financial support available by their generous ongoing provision for bursaries. With the ever increasing cost of studying, there is growing pressure on our existing bursary funds to be able to support all students to completion. With your help we can maintain Wycliffe as a thriving community of learning and help shape leaders for the future.

Save the Date

Upcoming Events

January 19-23, 2015
Week of Christian Unity

January 28, 2015
Tanzania Trip Reflections

January 30, 2015
The Society and Culture Lecture Series: The Cosmos and God

February 11-23, 2015
Israel Trip

February 18 – 20, 2015
Peace in the City Conference

February 27, 2015
The Society and Culture Lecture Series: Just War and the Case for Military Intervention

March 16-20, 2015
Awake Youth Conference

March 26, 2015
Institute of Evangelism Dinner

March 27, 2015
The Society and Culture Lecture Series: Weighing the Worth of Ethical Consumerism

April 25, 2015
Women's Breakfast

May 9- May 10, 2015
WCST: Scripture and Theology Colloquium

May 12, 2015
Convocation

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Society and Culture Lecture Series

BY: STEVE HEWKO, DOCTORAL STUDENT

IT IS NOT AN ACCIDENT THAT THERE EXISTS AN EVANGELICAL SEMINARY at the heart of one of the top universities in Canada and one of the most cosmopolitan cities in the world. Wycliffe College has a unique opportunity, arguably a responsibility, to engage critical issues of our time and bear Christian witness to the broader society and culture. As the university pushes the boundaries of human knowledge, the church needs to continually stay relevant in shaping the worldview of our society.

The Society and Culture Lecture series is a small part of engaging in this task. At the University of Toronto we have top scholars (many Christian) in almost every field of study. Wycliffe, being a part of this

institution, can invite these speakers at little or no cost. Also, because of our affiliation we have the academic credibility that would prohibit other institutions from hosting a similar event. The flip-side of this is that it gives our professors an equal platform to speak to these issues. In our debate last year on euthanasia, we were able to have a law professor, medical professor, a philosopher, and a theologian all discussing the ethics and morality of the subject. This type of event reinforces the point that theology, and more specifically Christianity, has an important voice and is a welcome participant in the public discourse on these vital issues. In September of this year we were able to hear from experts on the “Role of Religion in Violence” and in October we hosted two

members of parliament on the topic of “Faith in Politics.” In the New Year we have plans for three events: God and the Cosmos, Just War: A Christian response to international crisis, and Ethical Consumerism.

These events inform the church, allow for public debate on important topics, provide an opportunity for Christian witness, and raise Wycliffe’s profile as a leading theological institution. It has been exciting to see that over half of those who attend have no prior connection to the college. We have also uploaded all our content to YouTube and Soundcloud for perennial use.

Join us for upcoming lectures and keep informed by visiting www.wycliffecollege.ca or www.facebook.com/wycliffetoronto

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Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms
The Role of Religion in Canadian Legislation

Friday, October 24, 2014 | 7-9 pm
Sheraton Hall | Wycliffe College
5 Hoskin Ave. Toronto

This talk will explore the world of Canadian politics and the role faith has in policy making.

PANELISTS

STEPHEN WOODWORTH, MP
Stephen sits on the House of Commons Environment and Sustainable Development Committee and on the Public Accounts Committee with previous service on the Justice and Human Rights Committee. He was the author of Motion 312, in defense of human equality. Prior to becoming our Member of Parliament, Stephen practiced law in Kitchener for almost 30 years.

JOHN MCKAY, MP
John McKay is serving his sixth term in the House of Commons in various roles including the Liberal Party Critic for the Environment and Critic for Defence. John has a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Toronto at Scarborough (UTSC) and a Bachelor of Laws degree from Queens.

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Sacred Swords: Religion and Conflict in the 21st Century

Friday, September 26, 2014 | 7-9 pm
Sheraton Hall | Wycliffe College
5 Hoskin Ave. Toronto

In many regions around the world, violence has reached new and horrific levels. In this thought provoking panel discussion, we examine the role of religion and its interaction with politics, economics, and other cultural forces fueling these conflicts.

PANELISTS

Buddhist Dimensions to the Conflict in Southern Thailand
Michael Jerryson
Assistant Professor, Philosophy and Religious Studies,
Youngstown State University

Understanding ISIS in Iraq
Vinay Khattar
PhD Candidate,
Religious Studies at
McMaster University

Canadian Foreign Fighters in Iraq and Syria
Anurath Amarasingam
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Religious Perspectives on the Arab-Israeli Conflict
Rami Tannous
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WYCLIFFE SERVES

BY: JOHN BOWEN

This is now the second year of *Wycliffe Serves!*, the department of the college overseeing our extramural ministries. The first year was really a planning year, and it culminated in May's *Refresh* conference, where *Wycliffe Serves!* was officially launched. A smorgasbord of workshops by the various ministry leaders under our umbrella gave a foretaste of what is in store.

In this second year, our plan is to roll out our recurring *Wycliffe Serves!* ministries. Some are new, while others have been going for a few years. Before the end of the year, Wanda Malcolm will be offering her Communication and Conflict workshop; Peter Robinson will host the annual Preaching Day with guest speaker Tom Long; and Sister Constance Joanna Gefvert will offer a one-

day Brown Bag Sabbatical for clergy. In the spring of 2015, we will offer our newly revamped week-long conference for high school students, renamed *Awake*, during March break.

At the same time, work continues behind the scenes to introduce two new (or renewed) ministries to the offerings of *Wycliffe Serves!* during our third year. One will be a form of "marketplace ministries"—helping Christians integrate their faith and their work. We are presently consulting with others interested in this area to see what we might offer. The other ministry would be in the area of lay theological training, something Wycliffe has offered in the past. We aim to launch a renewed program, perhaps as soon as the fall of 2015.



To find out more about the wide range of ways we are building bridges between Wycliffe College and the church across Canada, including our upcoming events, visit www.wycliffeserves.ca

TEACHING AND LEARNING AT "THE CAMP"

BY DAVID NEY, DOCTORAL GRADUATE

On July 12th I had the privilege of journeying to the newly established Native diocese of Mishamikoweesh in North-Western Ontario to take part in a week of ministry training provided by the diocese for lay leaders and clergy. The training took place near Kingfisher Lake at what is affectionately known as "The Camp." I was so fortunate to have the chance to spend a week in such idyllic surroundings. I feel even more fortunate to have been welcomed warmly by the Christians there. They were very gracious to me as I learned to integrate myself into their schedule and their way of doing things.

I was all too aware that my job, as an outsider, was to present myself not only as a teacher, but as a learner. I was also convinced that I wanted to do more than impart knowledge about my assigned topic, the book of Exodus. What I wanted to do was to play a small part in equipping students to interpret the Bible as Scripture in their own unique context. I was thrilled to see that as the week progressed students were gaining confidence in taking the Bible and interpreting it for themselves.

One of the highlights for me was when one of the deacons began his homily at evening prayer by thanking me for the approach to the Old Testament I had taught him and saying that he was going to try it out for himself. Most everything he said was in Oji-Cree, so I can't say that I learned a great deal, but it was wonderful to see him exploring how to interpret an Old Testament text as Scripture in his own context, and in his own tongue.



David Ney (top left) with students from the Diocese of Mishamikoweesh

Learning to Serve

BY RICK MARANTA



John Gee has recently completed his Master of Theological Studies in Development degree (MTSD) and has just returned from Burundi in southeast Africa to tell us about his experience.

RM: Tell us a bit about yourself and how you first got connected with Wycliffe

JG: Well, I trained as a lawyer, among other things, but I have been working in the area of finance and administration for non-profit organizations in Edmonton. I have been an Anglican all my life and a couple of years back, Professor Marion Taylor from Wycliffe came and spoke at my church and mentioned about the Master of Theological Studies in Development program. It seemed a right fit for me from the beginning since I was becoming more and more interested in theology as well as desiring to broaden what I was doing in the area of non-profit. I therefore took some online courses for a while and then eventually came for an academic term here.

RM: How did you find yourself going over to Africa in the first place and what did you do there?

JG: Before I went to Burundi, this summer I went to Tanzania with a group led by Principal George Sumner which was an amazing and inspirational experience. It was a great confirmation of my direction. Some of the other people in our group were doing more parish work but a couple of us focused on development.

We were staying at an Agricultural Development Extension Centre operated by the local diocese there and it was a

great opportunity to see some of the front line development work done by the church. The efforts focused on the education of local farmers in how to improve their practices, productivity and lessen the impact on the environment. They also helped provide improved seeds, improved livestock, as well as set up markets for certain products.

RM: Did you see what you had learned at Wycliffe practically worked out?

JG: Sometimes when you learn theory, it does not have any real world relevance. However, in this case, it is amazing how much of what I learned in my MTSD was applicable in the field.

RM: Tell us about your second trip to Africa when you went to Burundi.

JG: Part of the MTSD program is that we need four months of practical experience. I took my first month during the summer in Tanzania. However, for my next three month term, I was sent by the Diocese of Edmonton to Burundi where I worked with the Diocese of Buyé. This was a bit different than the other trip in that I did some strategic

planning as well as got hands-on experience with a number of development activities such as food security work which included improving livestock and farming techniques as well as water and sanitation initiatives. They do a lot of work getting clean water to the area. They are actually fortunate compared to other areas in Africa to have a lot of ground water available. The trick is getting people access to it. They also have a great literacy and microfinance program which sets up lending groups where people first get trained in literacy and numeracy and then end up applying those skills within the context of the lending groups. It's incredible the impact they are making.

RM: What did you take away from that experience?

JG: I guess I have always been a believer in the concept of "think globally and act locally" but my experience really reinforced its truth and made it real to me. I have become more optimistic about the world situation as well. Yes there are a lot of challenges but progress is being made and we can be a part of it.

REFLECTIONS ON TWELVE YEARS OF VOLUNTEER SERVICE

BY DOUG MILLOY

If you are reading this issue of *Insight*, then you probably have a great affection for Wycliffe College and what it continues to do for the church and the world.

Wycliffe's daily work is to educate, train and support students through their often difficult but enriching formational experience that theological education is. Wycliffe is in the business of training future pastors, future NGO development workers and future professors to be servant leaders.

I cannot claim that it is Wycliffe's work directly that leads people to faith nor can I say the same for our graduates. That is God's work. But all of us are called, in various ways, to "tell the story" and point the way. Just *how* we do that matters more than ever in our changing world. Just how we prepare people to do that depends on the quality of education we can give.

As I reflect on my twelve years of service as trustee and these final weeks as board Chair, I can say that we have hoped, prayed and worked

for many things in that time - like good relations with our sister colleges in the TST, the UofT, for the Anglican Church and increasingly, with all of God's Church no matter the denomination. We have hoped, prayed and worked for a new Chair in Preaching and Worship and new programs like the Master in Theological Studies in Development, the Pioneer MDiv stream and the new graduate program in Missional Formation and Leadership. We have hoped, prayed and worked for stability. Enrolment has increased 21% since I started, our endowment has grown to try and keep pace with bursary support to that end, and our alumni/ae still encourage new students to come and see us. Thank you Alumni/ae!

I believe that Wycliffe has moved from strength to strength because, just as we do on Sunday mornings, Wycliffe keeps its focus on the cross. If we didn't, all of our work would be in vain. The person who keeps Wycliffe focussed on the cross is Principal Sumner and it has been a privilege to work with him these



past years. Now in his 16th year as principal, may I say: "Long may you serve George!"

Friends, Wycliffe College remains in good hands and from what I have seen in recent years, I see that God's church will continue to be in good hands also in the coming years. Thank you for your prayers, financial gifts and encouragement.

RECENT ORDINATIONS



Wendell Brock's (W2012) ordination to the priesthood took place on Saturday October 18th in Regina, SK, Diocese of Qu'Appelle.

Pictured (L-R): Thomas Nosterud, Bishop Rob, Archdeacon Dell Bornowski, Wendell Brock and Clayton Brock.



Pictured (L-R) Simon Davis (W2012) and Graham McCaffrey (W 2013) from the Diocese of Toronto were ordained on May 4th

Misa Chirara

For over five years, I have felt the calling to serve in a mission field in north-east Asia. When choosing the location for my theological training, I considered seminaries in Toronto where I have been living for the last three years. I had little knowledge about Wycliffe when I was choosing seminary. I read all the available information online and I was intrigued by the vision of the Master of Theological Studies in Development (MTSD) program to equip Christian leaders with the passion and skills to serve God's people in international or urban development.



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Seeing that the program fit my passion for Christian community development, and that it offers both academic and experiential learning, I was excited.

I visited Wycliffe College and connected with some people prior to my application process. I appreciated how sincere Wycliffe people were at my initial campus visit and this impression has not changed. I also had friends who were recent graduates from the program which provided a good reference point. I thank God for this opportunity to learn together in the Wycliffe community.

Jesse & Deanna Hove

When Deanna and I first met in the lobby of Wycliffe College I jokingly asked her if she was planning on saving the world with her future Master of Theological Studies in Development (MTSD). Deanna gave some clever response about the nuance of doing development work within a worldview which proclaims Jesus Christ as the ultimate healer of this broken world. And I think it is this type of integrated understanding of theology and development work at Wycliffe appeals to both Deanna and me. Though I graduated in 2013 with my MTS, I continue to be excited by the concepts Deanna brings home on a daily basis.

I (Deanna) was first interested in the MTSD program for the reasons that Jesse has mentioned – the mix of theologically rooted development theory as well as practical skills in community building. Our first conversations were a hint of



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the fruitfulness of the community here, sharing ideas with those pursuing ordination, further theological study, or working for an NGO. Jesse is currently working at a Salvation Army men's homeless shelter, The Gateway, which focuses

on forming relationships as well as providing for material needs (though the Wycliffe ball hockey league is a rivalling passion as well). This past summer I interned with A Rocha, a Christian environmental organization, in designing a program to integrate neighbourhoods into community gardening projects. I hope to continue to do work in creation care, environmentalism, and food sustainability.

Both Jesse and I have been incredibly blessed by our time at Wycliffe and are incredibly thankful for this community, in all it has to offer.

Allison Dean

I've had some friends who always knew that they were going to be priests. I, however, was not like them. In fact, until a few years ago, the thought of being a priest had never even crossed my mind. When the thought did start to occur, I pushed it aside – I would just continue with my plan to do advanced study in Sacred Music. Well, to cut a long story short, things have not unfolded as I had planned. Thanks to the integrated system that is the Toronto School of Theology, I will still be able to study Sacred Music, but right now I am enrolled full-time in Wycliffe's MDiv programme.



STUDENT FOCUS

Most days I'm sure that God is calling me to ordained ministry, but the days of doubt are not infrequent. Whatever happens, I believe that I am where I am supposed to be at this time. I was originally going to apply to Trinity, but I am so

happy that some friends of Wycliffe told me to apply here. As a lifelong Anglican, I love that Wycliffe is unapologetically Anglican, and as an international student, I love the diverse backgrounds of the faculty, staff and students. Even though it's only been two months, I feel like I have been here forever – it is easy to feel at home here.

John Bowen

continues to plan various events for *Wycliffe Serves!* (www.wycliffeserves.ca). He recently preached in Guelph, Hamilton, and Ottawa. He has been a guest speaker in several classes including ones at McMaster Divinity College (Hamilton) and Bethel Seminary (Minnesota). He taught a weekend intensive course on evangelism for the Kelowna School of Ministry. His day conference entitled *Roots and Wings: The Church in the 21st Century* has been offered for the Diocese of Huron, for a clergy conference at St Andrew's Hall, Vancouver, and for the Presbyteries of Guelph, Orillia, and Ottawa.



In May Annette Brownlee

taught a course on pastoral theology at the Alexandria School of Theology, Alexandria, Egypt. While on sabbatical she has been a scholar in residence at the Institute for Ecumenical Research, Strasbourg, France. She is working on the papers and sermons of Andre Trocmé, a French Protestant pastor of the mid-twentieth century. She contributed an essay to a forthcoming book entitled, *What is Theological about Theological Education* (Wipf & Stock).



In October and November, Terry Donaldson

led a four-week adult education series at St. Aidan's, Toronto entitled, "NT 101 (How we got the New Testament)." He was an invited



respondent to three papers dealing with Albert Schweitzer as an interpreter of Paul at the November meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature in San Diego.

Alan Hayes has been researching Sam Blake, an influential lawyer and Christian philanthropist in Victorian Canada, and the most influential founder of Wycliffe College. Blake was his subject for the first annual Wycliffe Founders' Lecture which he presented on October 1, and for a paper which he gave to the Canadian Church Historical Society on October 31. He also joined a Vatican II specialist for a small panel at St. James' Cathedral, Toronto, on November 9 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Decree on Ecumenism, and was the convocation speaker for St. Augustine's Seminary on November 10.

Ann Jervis is a Visiting Scholar at Massey College for the 2014-5 academic year. She has an essay entitled 'Divine Retribution in Romans' forthcoming in the journal *Interpretation*. In November she gave a plenary address at Baylor University on Paul's understanding of time. She will be on sabbatical in the winter term, working on her book, *The Timing of Paul's Ethics*.



In 2014 Joseph Mangina

participated in two meetings of the Time Seminar, a gathering of theologians organized by Stanley Hauerwas



and sponsored by the Issachar Foundation, "a Christian think tank." In February he delivered a paper at the Robert Wilken Colloquium at Baylor University. This fall he made visits to Regent College, Vancouver, and Biola University, Los Angeles to promote the new Wycliffe/TST doctoral program. He continues to work on his book on ecclesiology, *The Vine*.

In April Judy Paulsen

was the leader of a retreat for St. Bartholomew's, Nashville, TN, entitled "Getting Real: the call of Jesus to authentic discipleship." In September she was the keynote speaker at the Diocese of Huron Renew-All workshop entitled "Introduction to The Spirit of Invitation Resource." In November she spoke on "Blessed to Be a Blessing" at St. John's, Portsmouth, Diocese of Ontario, 125th Anniversary celebration focused on outreach and mission.



A book entitled *Ministers and Mines: Religious Conflict in an Irish Mining Community, 1847-1858* was published by **Thomas Power**. He contributed a paper on the theological education of Irish clergy in the early 19th century at a conference organized by the Canadian Church Historical Society on November 1.



Christopher Seitz

published Colossians part of the Brazos Theological Commentary series, and also an article



entitled, "Jewish Scripture for Gentile Churches" in *Pro Ecclesia*. For the Cranmer Institute in Dallas he organized a conference on "Two Peoples—Two Books: Christianity and Islam." In January he was a keynote speaker at Redeemer Theological Seminary, Dallas TX speaking on "Paul as Missionary: Person, Letter, Scripture." In November, he spoke at Trinity Western University, his topics being "Ecclesiastes and Canon" and "Proverbs 8 and Christian Dogmatics."

Marion Taylor

was on sabbatical for the first half of 2014 and spent her time researching and writing a commentary on Ruth for Zondervan's *Story of God* series. She is also writing on Esther and the two volumes will be published together. She gave a paper at the Canadian Society of Biblical Studies in June that explored the history of the interpretation of the figures of Ruth and Orpah. She delivered the keynote address at the Canadian Evangelical Theological Society's fall meeting held at Wycliffe College on "The Gospel of Ruth: An Evangelical Feminist Reading." She has submitted a manuscript Judges to Eerdmans entitled, *Women of War, Women of Woe*, an anthology of the writings of nineteenth-century women on the stories of women in Joshua. At the SBL meeting in San Diego in November she presented a response paper on the subject of *Retrieving Women Interpreters' Voices from the Past: Foundations, Methodology, and Implications*, a Case Study: Joy Schroeder's *Deborah's Daughters: Gender Politics and Biblical Interpretation*.



De Profundis: Thoughts on Going Deep

BY: JOSEPH L. MANGINA

THE STORY GOES THAT A STUDENT once asked Brevard Childs, among the most renowned modern scholars of the Old Testament, how one could raise a mark of B+ to an A? Childs's snappy reply: "By becoming a more profound person." Like most such tales in academe, this one is probably apocryphal. If Childs ever did say such a thing it was doubtless with a twinkle in his eye, for those who knew him will attest that he was the kindest of men.

Whether apocryphal or not, though, there is a grain of truth in the story. In theology as in any other field, it is not enough to master facts, names, and dates, or even know how to organize ideas or craft an argument. The index of truth is the extent to which you have penetrated into the subject matter. It has to do with whether you can get beyond the clichés and slogans that so often get in the way of real thought, and ask those simple questions that make for real understanding. (There's often a fine line that separates the truly helpful questions from "dumb questions." If your questions seem dumb to you, you may be closer to the truth than you realize.) If you can learn to ask questions of that sort, then it doesn't matter all that much what form you express them in, or pursue the answers. You can go on for thousands of pages like a Thomas Aquinas or a Karl Barth, or you can write brief, pithy sayings like Blaise Pascal or Simone Weil. Quantity is secondary; the important question is that of depth.

That seems circular, to be sure. You attain depth by asking questions that are deep? That sounds like a Zen koan, one of those gnomic riddles that send us back to the drawing board of thought. ("What is the sound of one hand clapping?" or "If you see the Buddha in the road, kill him," etc.) In

fact, the original saying attributed to Childs sounds a bit like that. But maybe the point here is that the best thinking happens when we grasp that *thinking* isn't the end all and be all, but that the world and life presents us with challenges that we can't master with our ideas. Thinking bumps up against the world with its many paradoxes, the sound of one hand clapping, and so we are forced to think again. As C.S. Lewis once wrote, "It is of the very nature of the real that it should have sharp corners and rough edges, that it should be resistant, should be itself. Dream-furniture is the only kind on which you never stub your toes or bang your knee (*Letters to Malcom: Chiefly on Prayer*). He wrote this in the context of dismissing thin, watered-down versions of the Christian faith, which fail to do justice not only to God but to the very character of our lives.

There is wisdom here for those who would share the gospel with others. Oddly enough, among the most appealing aspects of Christianity is its earthy realism about suffering, struggle, sin, and death. The biblical story catches and holds our attention in part because it's true to the nature of human experience, even the nature of the cosmos. "People who bear crosses are working with the grain of the universe" (J.H. Yoder). This is not to say that we should play on people's weaknesses or fashion an apologetic method out of people's suffering. That would be a kind of blasphemy. But if we tell the biblical story, people will make the connections on their own. The Bible's unvarnished realism about the human situation, along with its promise that there are more and better things to come, has its own way of drawing people into the story. Perhaps we can say that the story responds to their sense of what is "deep down" most important about their lives.

There are good depths and bad depths. There is such a thing as an unhealthy fascination with evil that claims, at least, to be truly deep. Jesus in the book of Revelation

commends those members of the church in Thyria who "have not learned what some call the deep things of Satan" (Rev. 2:24)—presumably some esoteric teaching that goes beyond the gospel as presented to simple folk. Modern examples of this abound. Thus, the German philosopher Martin Heidegger was undoubtedly among the most profound thinkers of the modern era, a critic of modern superficialities like our worship of technology. Alas, he was also a member of the Nazi party. Depth qua depth only takes you so far. Yet in the Bible, the experience of encounter with God is often described using metaphors of depth, abysses, infinity: "Deep calls to deep at the roar of your waterfalls; all your breakers and your waves have gone over me" (Psalm 42:7). "Out of the depths [*de profundis*] I cry to you, O Lord! O Lord, hear my voice!" (Psalm 130:1). Creation's depths bear witness to the fathomless mystery of God the Creator. It is this mystery to which the apostle Paul refers when he writes that "the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God" (1 Cor. 2:10).

In other words, we do not need to go around looking for ways of being deep, because the One who is truly deep has opened his heart to us in Jesus Christ and in the life-giving Spirit. We have peered into the depths of God, and beheld there the face of Love.



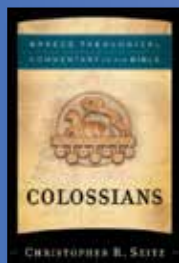


NEW BOOKS FROM WYCLIFFE COLLEGE FACULTY AND GRADUATES

CHRISTOPHER SEITZ

Brazos Theological Commentary on the Bible: Colossians. Grand Rapids: 2014.

In this addition to the acclaimed series (The Brazos Theological Commentary on the Bible), renowned scholar Christopher Seitz of Wycliffe College, offers a theological exegesis of Colossians, bringing his expertise in canonical reading to bear on his interpretation of this Pauline letter. As with other volumes in the series, the book is ideal for those called to ministry.



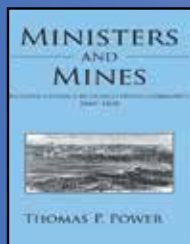
The Brazos Theological Commentary on the Bible advances the assumption that the Nicene creedal tradition, in all its diversity, provides the proper basis for the interpretation of the Bible as Christian scripture. The series encourages readers to extend the vital roots of the ancient Christian tradition to our day.

"Over against the trend in many contemporary commentaries, Christopher Seitz refuses to treat Colossians as a single, isolated letter. Instead he views Colossians as embedded in the world of Paul, imprisonment, Christian fellowship, and the scriptural canon as a whole. What emerges from Colossians is the sound of a brave and confident Pauline voice, singing of grace, truth, and shared ministry, surrounded by the full and rich choir of Scripture. This is a powerful and deeply theological commentary." -Thomas G. Long, Bandy Professor of Preaching, Candler School of Theology, Emory University.

THOMAS POWER

Ministers and Mines: Religious Conflict in an Irish Mining Community, 1847-1858. Bloomington & New York, 2014.

Religious conflict in Ireland has had a long history. This book is a case study of religious conflict in the copper-mining community in Co. Waterford in the mid-nineteenth century. By the time an English evangelical clergyman, Rev. David Alfred Doudney, came to the area in 1847 intense exploitation of its copper resources had begun. Depression in the industry followed by famine and its legacy spurred Doudney to initiate educational establishments to help the poor of the area. These initiatives



brought him into conflict with Catholic clergy who suspected him of engaging in proselytism. In fact, he was more interested in encouraging a more vital Christianity in opposition to the nominalism he found around him whether among Catholics or Protestants. In the rising tensions that ensued, Doudney was the object of bigoted opposition, a narrow xenophobia, and of threats to his life, that together forced his departure.

ROBERT L. KNETSCH

A Darkened Reading: A Reception History of the Book of Isaiah in a Divided Church. Eugene, OR.: 2014.

The church in the West has subsisted for five hundred years in a state of ever-increasing multiple identities, many of which claim to be the best representation of the church established by Christ. Often attending novel models of the church are new scriptural interpretive methods that support theological claims. Rarely, however, has an exploration been undertaken to test the impact of this ecclesiological division on the reading of the Bible. The book explores the specific case of the nineteenth-century Church of England and competing interpretations of the book of the prophet Isaiah—a book of great importance in theological history—as a kind of parable of the existential anguish the church has experienced as a consequence of being torn apart. Robert is an adjunct instructor at Wycliffe College.



BRIAN PETERSON

The Authors of the Deuteronomistic History, Fortress Press, Minneapolis

Brian Peterson, a Wycliffe College graduate, has published *The Authors of the Deuteronomistic History* with Fortress Press, Minneapolis. The book engages one of the most enduring controversies in current critical scholarship on the Hebrew Bible: the identities and provenances of the authors of the various "editions" of the Deuteronomistic History. Another book on John's use of Ezekiel is in the offing for 2015. Brian is on the faculty of Lee University, Cleveland, Tennessee.



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SENIOR STICK

Martin Tam, 3rd year M. Div. and Senior Student, Class of 2015

The 2014-2015 year has begun with much vigour and energy! Our new students are youthful, geographically and denominationally diverse, and they are injecting special gifts to our flourishing community.

Our very first event was a concert with folk-singer, songwriter, Martyn Joseph. This event drew many Wycliffe and non-Wycliffe students alike. It was an exciting and treasured time.

Soon after followed a great fall retreat in a new location: Upper Canada Camp. It was a restful and reinvigorating time of fellowship and getting to know other students and faculty better outside of the academic realm. This year, the student body beat the faculty in volleyball (to our gloating joy!) and we had two speakers, Rachel Tulloch and Rev. Simon Davis who shared their ministry experience and advice in a lively Q & A discussion.

Early this term, we hosted the first of a new panel debate on global issues, entitled Society and Culture Lecture Series. The first, on September 26 was "Sacred Swords" and on October 24, we hosted "The Role of Religion in Canadian Legislation." The speakers have been thought-provoking, drawing the general public and students from the wider University of Toronto. We have four more such events planned this academic year and all are welcome to attend on Friday nights.

We're looking forward to continuing the lecture series, decorating for Advent, and planning for the talent show. Amidst all the busyness, we are cultivating a life of community, guided and grounded by the Spirit which leads us onward.



Back in Residence!

Twenty-eight years after graduating from Wycliffe, I am a resident again, as interim chaplain while The Rev. Dr. Annette Brownlee is away on sabbatical. It is a delight to once again experience the deep sense of community, so characteristic of this college.

When comparing my graduation year with the present, I am impressed with the significant growth and the change to a more balanced ratio of women and men. In 1986, 21 MDiv students, consisting of 16 men and 5 women, graduated from the college. In the fall of 2014, a total of 61 MDiv students, consisting of 36 men and 25 women are poised to graduate this spring. The MTS degree, which did not even exist in Wycliffe in 1986, currently has an enrollment of 67 students.

The college's historic evangelical and missional emphasis is still very much in evidence. Wycliffe, in 2014, is providing outstanding resources to equip students for the reality of the 21st century church. The explosion in the offering of online courses, "Wycliffe Serves!", the new Pioneer Stream degree program that trains students in the skills needed to plant new congregations and "re-boot" existing congregations, all come to mind.

Christian worship continues to be at the heart of the Wycliffe community. Morning and Evening Prayer are said on weekdays and every Wednesday the Holy Eucharist is celebrated with outstanding preachers from around the world who connect our students with the wider church. This is followed by a noisy and joyful dinner in

the refectory, where students no longer have to wear formal attire. I kind of miss the jackets and ties.

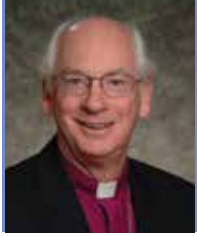
In 1986, the first Wycliffe study trip to Israel took place. That program has expanded and trips now include opportunities to study and serve in Africa and Asia as well as the Holy Land.

The lively sports tradition at Wycliffe continues unabated and last semester Wycliffe won the UofT Intramural Extreme Frisbee championship. If you drop by the college on any Monday night, you can watch some excellent ball hockey.

There has been much talk of the marginalization and decline of the church in contemporary Canada. However, during the same time, Wycliffe has been growing. The biblical and missional focus of the college, its rootedness in the historic church, its openness to the insights and strengths of contemporary expressions of the church, its track record of facilitating institutional growth and especially its foundational emphasis on the Gospel of Christ, have equipped this college to be a significant resource in the rejuvenation, transformation and rebuilding of the church in Canada.

Returning to this place of my past and experiencing it in the present has opened my eyes to its importance in the future. We have a treasure in Wycliffe College and it deserves our nurture, our support and our prayers.

*The Rev. Canon James Robinson '86,
Rector of St. Augustine's, Lethbridge*



Dear fellow Wycliffe grads and friends,

Here is a cross-section of vignettes from Wycliffe grads across Canada and beyond; enjoy catching up with some of your friends and fellow alumni/ae, and plan to submit your own update next time!

Bishop Peter Mason, Alumni/ae Corresponding Secretary

From the 1950s

The Rev. Canon Howard Green, W54 & W75. Last May the Wycliffe Alumni/ae Association was privileged to have Canon Howard and his wife, Jean, attend from Saskatoon. Howard's relationship with Wycliffe goes back to September, 1949, when he took up residence and graduated in 1954! Since then the Greens have served in Toronto, Japan, and across the province of Saskatchewan, in both parochial and administrative ministries. Since retiring in 1992 Howard and Jean have served in St. John's Cathedral, Saskatoon, leading worship, managing a monthly prayer breakfast, carrying out home visitations, and many other tasks. Although Howard voted against building a casino in the middle of the city, he recognizes employment benefits that one provides on the Dakota Dunes Reserve outside of town. Apart from church ministry, Howard and Jean continue to delight in the lives of their children and grandchildren, now scattered from Vancouver Island to Dalhousie University in Halifax. Continued blessings to you both, Howard and Jean...hope you can make the next Alumni/ae gathering!

Harry Lennard, Wycliffe Resident, '58-'64. Wycliffe College has always been blessed



by non-theology student residents who bring their own perspectives, faith, and energy to the community. Harry Lennard studied Architecture while at university, and has maintained a lively interest and connection with the college for many years. Recently his parish, St. Luke's, Burlington, Ontario, celebrated its 180th anniversary; Joseph Brant's daughter donated the land and raised funds through the United Empire Loyalists in 1834. At the celebration dinner three Wycliffe stalwarts were in attendance...**Bishop Ralph Spence, W68, the Rev. Carole Langlotz, W2000, and of course, Harry Lennard!**

The Rev. Peter Niblock, W58 & W61. Peter and his Diocese of New Westminster continue to rejoice at the arrival of their new Bishop Melissa Skelton from the Episcopal Diocese of Olympia. He looks forward to her first meeting with the retired diocesan clergy in the next few weeks. Peter's latest reading habits, inspired by the French Jesuit Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, now tend toward the writings of Thomas Berry and Matthew Fox. On a sadder note, Peter recently joined other mourners at the funerals of **Jim McCullum (W61)** and his wife, Anne.



From the 60's

The Rev. Canon Ronald Davidson, W61 & W63. Continues to enjoy an active life and ministry since retiring from St. John's, Church, Peterborough, Ontario in 1999. Their extended family consisting of three daughters, five grandchildren and two great grands, stretch from Peterborough to Alberta to the Czech Republic. Not to be outdone, Ron and Bonnie still manage one or two cruises each year and spend much of the winter in the Algarve, Portugal. Of special note was the passing of Ron's mother in May, just one month short of her 105th birthday. Ron concludes..."I thank God for my call to ministry, for my training at Wycliffe College, and my continuing life as a priest mainly in the Dioceses of Toronto."



The Rev. Canon David Sinclair, W62 & W91. After ten years of intentional interim ministry in the Diocese of Montreal, David will retire after Easter from his appointment as priest in charge of the Parish of Weir and Arundel in the Laurentian region of Quebec. His wife, **the Rev. Georgia Copland**, will also retire in 2015 from her ministry at Arundel United Church. They have shared office space in Arundel and sought to provide consistent pastoral presence challenging the two



Alumni/ae Updates



The Right Rev, Bishop Patrick Yu

congregations in a village near the tourist area of Mont Tremblant to consider the future in ministry together.

From the 80's

The Right Rev, Patrick Yu, W81 & W97 & W2007. Bishop Yu continues to enjoy episcopal ministry in the Diocese of Toronto, particularly overseeing the 55 parishes of York Scarborough. In particular He looks forward to teaching for a month at Minghua Seminary in Hong Kong, on parish leadership and evangelism. He expects to work with parish clergy and postulants in that diocese, leading a course on mission and evangelism.

The Rev. Hilda Bell, W84. Hilda and her husband Aubrey now live in Vermilion, Alberta, after a few years in Victoria. Prior to that they had served in Canada, Belize, and in the Episcopal Church of Scotland. Hilda's current ministry includes working at St. Saviour's Church in the Diocese of Edmonton. Recently another Wycliffe grad, the Rev. Canon Terry Leer visited and preached. Hilda also provides pulpit supply for several denominations in the area, as well as ministering to seniors, the dying and the bereaved. She concludes, "I look forward to many happy years in this growing community as I continue to love and serve the Lord. I send my love to all fellow graduates and pray God will bless their ministries."



From the 80's

The Rev. Doug Hayman, W86. In a previous edition of Insight we inadvertently reduced the Hayman children from three to two in number, for which we apologize. For the record they are Tim, Katie, and John.

The Rev. Dr. Chris Barrigar W88, W89.

This past August the Rev. Dr. Chris Barrigar celebrated ten years as Incumbent of St. Peter's Anglican Church, Montreal. Sunday morning worship at St. Peter's blends traditional and contemporary elements while using both English and French, and the congregation has a growing demographic of young families and young adults. An exciting project this fall has been the launch of a biweekly French-language Sunday-evening gathering called *Autour de la Table*. Chris's wife Fiona is Director of Share the Warmth, a community development organization in a low-income part of Montreal, and their children Devadas, 18, and Amudha, 17, continue their schooling.

Major Brian Armstrong, W89. For many years the Wycliffe community has been enriched by the presence of Salvation Army students. Among these, is Brian Armstrong who completed a Master of Religion at Wycliffe followed by a Master of Divinity at Tyndale, then a Doctor of Ministry at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Chicago. Brian writes of fond memories of his Wycliffe years. "I entered as a Salvationist and was thoroughly welcomed and encouraged. These were definitely formative years in my life...A big thank you to Dr. Richard Longenecker and Dr. Alan Hayes for guiding me through." Since graduation Brian and his wife and fellow Salvation Army Officer **Lynn** have served for twenty-five years in pastoral, teaching, and administrative positions, including directing a program of pastoral care to fellow Salvation Army officers and their families. Continued blessings to the Armstrongs.



The Rev. Canon Kimberley Beard, W89 is well-known for his passion for international mission and ministry. In May 2015 Kim will lead a pilgrimage walk for 115 km along the Camino of St. James in Spain. Later that year he will be leading a mission team to Gambela in Ethiopia to partner on several projects with **Bishop Grant LeMarquand, W2002 & W2013**, and his wife **Dr. Wendy LeMarquand**. On the family front Kim's wife **Barbara Beard** has had her first children's book published, entitled "Too Much Broccoli." And their daughter Sarah

graduated with a Master of Philosophy from Oxford this past July. A big congratulation to all the **Beards!**

Catherine O'Connor, W89. Cathy and a colleague have started the Church of the Beatitudes, a Roman Catholic Woman Priest church in the Parkdale neighbourhood of West Toronto; they met twice a month in Emmanuel Howard Park United Church. Parishioners come from as far away as Peterborough and Guelph. In Cathy's estimate they are clearly filling a need.

From the 90's

The Ven. Judy Walton, W91. Retirement for Judy has hardly meant a lessening of ministry. She is now beginning her fourth interim ministry, this time at the Prince of Peace in Wasaga Beach, Ontario. She is also chaplain to a residential hospice – Campbell House – in Collingwood, and finally acts as chaplain to the retired clergy of the York Simcoe area of the Diocese of Toronto.

Mr. Ted Ward, W99. Ted looks back on the exciting days of the establishment of the *Alpha* Courses in Canada. He was instrumental in the initial conferences with Nicky Gumbel and Sandy Millar in Toronto, and helped the movement spread across Canada. Later Ted and his wife **Carol** developed the *School of Healing Prayer* in Toronto, inspired by Dr. Francis MacNutt. Their crucial texts centred on Jesus' commands "to announce the Kingdom, heal the sick, and deliver the oppressed." More recently Ted and Carol have sought to enter into a fresh experience of God through conversational prayer that emphasizes listening rather than speaking. Continued blessings to you Ted.



From the 2000's

Dr. Josh Samuel, W2003. Like many other Wycliffe grads, Josh Samuel has been called into academic ministry. Having attained his Ph. D. in Theology from McMaster Divinity College in Hamilton a few months ago, Josh has been appointed professor in Bible and Theology at Master's College and Seminary in Peterborough, Ontario. He and his wife



Alumni/ae Updates

Joyce are blessed with one son who brings much joy.

The Rev. Sr. Constance Joanna Gefvert, W2005. At the end of August Sister Constance Joanna ended a 16-month term as interim priest in charge at Christ Memorial Church, Oshawa, Ontario, and is back at St. George on Yonge as associate priest. At the same time she is co-editing a book entitled *A Journey Just Begun: the Story of an Anglican Sisterhood*, to be published by Dundurn in January as part of the 130th anniversary of the Sisters of St. John the Divine. Meanwhile Sr. Constance Joanna continues teaching as an adjunct faculty member at Wycliffe.



Ms. Vanessa Rottner, W2005. As a lay person Vanessa finds the essence of her ministry as a listener, mentor and counsellor. In an age when our technologies often draw us away from the centre of God, face to face relationships are more important than ever. Vanessa's hands-on ministry includes caring for the chapel of the St. James the Less Crematorium, an extension of her service on the St. James Cathedral Altar Guild. Another part of Vanessa's ministry centres around her work and creativity with jewellery. From a spiritual point of view art and creative work can contribute to healing. God provides the tools as our hands become an extension of grace for others. This may be of particular benefit for those who may be injured, or have the debilitating issues of stroke, as they are empowered with hope and new skills.



The Rev. Benjamin Mbago, W2006. Since graduating from Wycliffe eight years ago, Benjamin Mbago has been cultivating a vision of the Lord's will as he seeks to address some of the many challenges facing Africa today. The result of this quest has been the formation of the Neema (Grace) Orphans Centre in Manyoni, Tanzania. The Centre as already received fifty children whose parents have died because of HIV/AIDS; they are cared for by two teachers, a cook, two guards and a gardener. The children use Tanzanian schoolbooks, receive breakfast and lunch, and on Saturdays meet for bible study and sports. At the moment Benjamin has built an office

and is expanding the dining hall. All of this is, for Benjamin, an experience of Christian community, in which every language, religion, gender and tribe are united. Benjamin invites our prayers, material support and even a visit from his Wycliffe friends. You will reach him at PO Box 273, Manyoni, Tanzania.

The Rev. Donna Willer, W2008. The word 'transition' best describes Donna's current experience of ministry. Now in her sixth year of parish ministry, Donna has recently moved from a three point parish in the northern region of the Diocese of Edmonton to St. Mary's Parish in Ponoka in the south. Donna brings with her a myriad of happy memories of life in the churches around Westlock...a parish anniversary, outdoor ministry, a building campaign, to name a few. Now settling in a new parish she is busy with weddings, baptisms, and the joy of sharing ministry with an ELCIC Lutheran pastor. Her family of children, grandchildren, parents and siblings are scattered across Alberta and Saskatchewan. Although Donna doesn't get to see them as often as she would wish, they add a particular richness to her life. Donna adds, "It is my hope that God will abundantly bless each person who reads this column as He has blessed me with His love through so many others."



The Rev. Jonathan Crane, W2009. Here is another Albertan reporting...Jonathan is serving as rector of St. Augustine's Church in Edmonton. He and Megan are enjoying life in the church and with their children Noah (5) and Miriam (2).



Pastor Alan Wong, W2009. Alan is now the Senior Pastor of Toronto Immanuel Chinese Baptist Church. We wish you every blessing in this ministry, Alan.

From the 2010's

Mary Barclay, W2011. This past year Mary completed her second Advanced Pastoral Counselling Education Unit on her way to becoming a registered psychotherapist. Meanwhile she is a practising marriage and family pastoral psychotherapist in East York, Toronto. And she continues her parish work as a lay anointer and People's Warden at St. George the Martyr Church.



Ms. Megan Enns, W2011. On October 4th, Megan married **Don Robinson** in Oakville, Ontario, in a ceremony officiated by fellow Wycliffe grad the **Rev. Ryan Sim, W2006.**



Don and Megan now live in Mississauga where Megan works for World Vision Canada. They delight in the work of God in their parish of Trinity Church, Streetsville.

The Rev. Pamela Prideaux, W2011. After a year at The Church of the Nativity in Scarborough, Toronto, Pam is well settled into a wide range of pastoral ministry. She particularly enjoys serving in the same deanery as her father the **Rev. Brian Prideaux**, a fellow Wycliffe grad, now retired and attached to St. Jude's Church, Wexford, as a honorary assistant. It was a great treat for Pam to officiate at her brother's wedding in New Brunswick this summer, and to do a little sight-seeing as well.



The Rev. Benjamin Mbago, W2006

SECOND SIGHT

Friday September 19, 2014, was a very significant day for me. On that day I "saw" for the first time in about twenty years a low-definition image that arrived in my brain by way of my left optic nerve. I was no longer totally blind, but could see something by turning on an amazing system known as "Argus II". On September 4, an electronic chip had been implanted into my eye in a 3-hour surgical procedure. In addition to this chip, the system comprises a small video camera and a transmitter mounted onto a pair of eyeglass frames, and a little computer hung by a strap around the neck.



As I sat in church on the Sunday when we observed the Feast of St. Luke the Evangelist, pondering "Luke the beloved physician" as St. Paul called him (Col. 4:14), my thoughts were drawn to the wonderful healing and restoring powers of God, so often mediated through physicians, surgeons, nurses, and others. I recollected that during my twenty-two years as a physiotherapist, I too had been an instrument of God's healing power, and my heart was filled with wonder and thanksgiving for what He was doing for me, and for future generations who would benefit from this scientific trial that I was a part of.

Missional Leadership and Formation Graduate Certificate

"Adapt or Die" is the title of an article by John McCallum in the Ivey business journal in 2001. McCallum begins his article by saying: "Today's pace of change in business conditions may or may not be unprecedented, but it is surely spectacular... Adapting may be difficult, but it is not impossible."

Change is all around us, in the business world, in society and in the church. Everyone who wants to survive is busy figuring out how to adapt. Adapting to change is complex for the church because we are not called to simply respond to change but to be an instrument of change, change that is rooted in repentance, a turning back to God. That means we can't simply respond, we need to respond in the context of the gospel and the way it challenges and confronts us. It is an enormous challenge for leaders in the church to learn how to lead in such a way that the gospel continues to be heard and seen in the midst of the 'noise' of change that is all around us.

In August, 2014 Wycliffe launched a new program, the Missional Leadership and Formation Graduate Certificate, which is intended to help clergy grapple with issues around change and adaptation while they are active in their ministry settings. A part-time cohort-based program, it is designed so that clergy are able to remain in their ministry positions while engaging with other leaders around fundamental issues we all face – gospel, culture, mission, leadership and formation. The first cohort has already had the opportunity to meet with people like David Fitch, Mike Moynagh, and Matthew John. Alongside challenging and stimulating conversations with a variety of leaders, each participant is developing and implementing projects in their local situations. It is proving to be an exciting program that, we trust, will be a real gift to all those involved as we learn to lead in gospel change.

Peter Robinson,

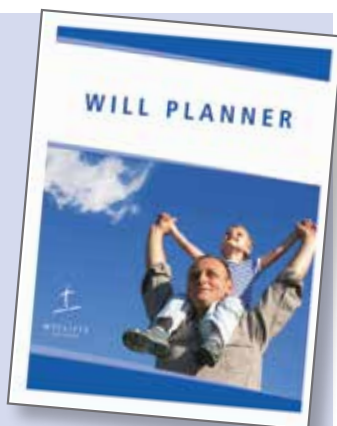
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