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“Edmund James Peck: Missionary to the Inuit”

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We don't know exactly where Edmund James Peck received his formation in the Christian faith. There is much in his early life that would seem to work against such a thing. Orphaned in childhood, he joined the Royal Navy at the age of 15 and then spent a decade serving on five different ships.

Who were his mentors in the faith? We don't know. But we know that someone taught this young man the faith because there is a record of him leading prayer groups with his fellow crew members.

At age 25 Edmund left the navy to study at the Church Missionary Society in Britain. At age 26 he was recruited by John Horden, the first Anglican bishop of Moosonee, to serve the community of Little Whale River on the eastern shores of Hudson Bay. The journey from Britain took three months. During the trip Edmund taught himself Inuktitut by comparing a Moravian Inuktitut New Testament to his own English Bible. The Inuit were impressed with his efforts. The name they gave him in Inuktitut means 'one who speaks well'.

Once settled Edmund began to devote his efforts to translating the Scriptures into syllabics, an orthography developed by Bishop Horden and a fellow early Anglican missionary. Translation of the entire New Testament and the book of Psalms into syllabics would become one of the major works of Edmund's life.

After serving for 10 years at Little Whale River

Edmund's wife, Clara, became unable to continue to serve with him in the Arctic. Rather than seeing this as the end to his missionary endeavors both Edmund and Clara saw this as an opportunity for him to minister in an even more remote location, where the gospel had not yet been shared. Let others minister in established settings like Little Whale River, Edmund felt a calling to a pioneering ministry.

When an opportunity arose for him to establish a settlement at an old whaling station on Blacklead Island in Cumberland Sound, Edmund leapt at it. Funded by a businessman, the settlement soon consisted of a church, a small health-centre and two houses. Edmund's first church building was constructed of seal-skin. Unfortunately this was eaten by sled dogs; not a claim every priest can make! A ship delivered basic supplies every two years. This was also how frequently Edmund could send and receive mail from his family. He served on Blacklead Island for ten years, before settling with his family in Ottawa for the final two decades of his life.

What lessons does Edmund James Peck have for us today? Surely the greatest has to do with his conviction that sharing the gospel mattered. Many years ago as part of my work as a speech and language pathologist I flew into a community on the coast of James Bay to conduct language assessments on children there. I asked one of the Indigenous women how it was that the graves of the early missionaries were still so well cared for. She replied, "We do this because they brought us the word of life!" Edmund Peck would have been well pleased with that answer.

From the Registrar's Office...

- Please pay attention to [important dates](#) and check out the [Refund Schedule](#) to avoid paying tuition for dropped classes.
- If you have been awarded a Wycliffe Bursary the money will be paid to U of T against your tuition balance in mid- September.
- You **must set up a U of T email account** and remember to check it at least weekly. TST, U of T and the college will only communicate through the U of T email.
- Students here on campus have been assigned a mail box and you should look for the box under your assigned number (literally your box is located beneath the number!) and again remember to check it each day you are here on campus.
- SSHRC application deadline is 4:30 PM (EST), October 12, 2018. Click [here](#) for application and eligibility information, and check out the [TST Scholarship and Bursaries page](#) for more information. An application guide is also available [here](#).

Wycliffe Wednesday Writing Series
with Rachel Lott

Sep 19, 1:45-3:15

Academic Writing: the next level
(open to new students)



INSIGHTS WITH SEITZ

The Symphony of Scripture

Wycliffe Sports

Interested in intramural sports?
Sign-up sheets available on the bulletin board

Email the Sports Coordinator, Dayo,
for any questions or clarifications:
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LIBRARY DROP-IN SESSIONS

Tue, Sep 25

12:00-12:30, Finding the books you need
12:30-1:00, Finding articles in theology

Wed, Sep 26

12:00-12:30, Finding the books you need
12:30-1:00, Finding articles in theology

Thu, Sep 27

12:00-12:30, Resources for Biblical studies
12:30-1:00, Compiling bibliographies

Location: Graham Library Classroom
No Sign-Up Necessary! Just Drop-In!



Can't Make It? No problem.
Just email me or drop by
the Graham Library
Tom Power, Theology Librarian
thomas.power@utoronto.ca

STUDENT COFFEE HOUR

Mon-Thurs
10:50am-11:10am
Blackwell Lounge
Starting on Sept 27 you
will need to provide
your own mug!

Wycliffe Merchandise

~ SALE THIS WEEK ~

Wycliffe Coffee Mug

\$6.00

Purchase at Front Desk!





THEOLOGY PUB NIGHT

This Month's Guest: Jonathan Pageau
Fri, Sep 28, 7:00pm, Leonard Hall

Henderson
BREWING COMPANY



#wycliffesermons

#thursdaymorningprayer

THE VISIBLE SHAPE OF
CHRIST'S LIFE IN US

Sep 13: +Stephen Andrews
"Law of the Spirit" (Gal 5:1-5)

Sep 20: Annette Brownlee
"Works of the Flesh" (Gal 5:16-21)

Sep 27: Mari Leesment
"Love" (Gal 5:22-26)

Oct 4: Glen Taylor
"Joy" (Gal 5:22-26)

Oct 11: Marion Taylor
"Peace" (Gal 5:22-26)

Oct 18: Joseph Mangina
"Patience" (Gal 5:22-26)

Nov 1: Andy Witt
"Kindness" (Gal 5:22-26)

Nov 8: Thomas Power
"Generosity" (Gal 5:22-26)

Nov 15: Ephraim Radner
"Faithfulness" (Gal 5:22-26)

Nov 22: Judy Paulsen
"Gentleness" (Gal 5:22-26)

Nov 29: Peter Robinson
"Self-Control" (Gal 5:22-26)

Dec 6: David Kupp
"Good and Evil" (Matt 7:17-19)



This Wednesday

3:00 Lawson Murray (Scripture Union Canada)

Lawson will be speaking on the use of devotional literature as a daily practice, and will be presenting literature from the Scripture Union Canada.

4:45 EUCHARIST (homilist: Lawson Murray)

6:00 COMMUNITY DINNER (Refectory)



Mark Your Calendar!

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
16 Founder's Day	17	18 Morning Prayer: Bridget Poole	19 3:00 Wed. Event: Lawson Murray 4:45 Eucharist: L. Murray 6:00 Community Dinner	20 Morning Prayer: Annette Brownlee Evening Prayer: Nancy Cunha	21	22
23	24	25 Morning Prayer: Sydney Caron	26 3:00 Wed. Event: Bishop Jenny Andison 4:45 Eucharist 6:00 Community Dinner	27 Morning Prayer: Mari Leesment Evening Prayer: Glen Taylor	28 Board Meeting <i>Theology in the Pub: Jonathan Pageau 7:00-10:00pm</i>	29 <i>Donor Appreciation Event (7:00-8:30p)</i> <i>Nuit Blanche: Faith & Arts Night (8-11pm)</i>
30	Oct 1	2 Morning Prayer: Max Dionosio <i>Sarah Coakley Event 7:00-9:00</i>	3 TST Agape @ Wycliffe	4 Morning Prayer: Glen Taylor Evening Prayer: David Butorac	5	6
7	8 THANKSGIVING, COLLEGE CLOSED	9 Morning Prayer: Jordan Duerrstein	10 3:00 Wed. Event: Book Launch 4:45 Eucharist: Harold Percy 6:00 Community Dinner	11 Morning Prayer: Marion Taylor Evening Prayer: Glen Taylor	12	13

Chapel Service Schedule

	Service	Sacristan	Officiant / Homilist	Readers, Servers, etc.	Greeters
Mon	MP	S. Lawley	E. Radner	M. Tse; M. Leesment	M. Ytsma; N. Drenth
	Taize	Z. Bartkus	A. Brownlee		J. Ternes
Tue	MP	L. Hurst	P. Robinson; B. Poole	S. Leveille; J. Low.-Samuels	M. Lyons
	Evensong	S. Lawley	E.-R. Teel	J. Sholl; J. Mangina	M. McPhee; Stephanie
Wed	MP	B. Poole	+SGWA	K. Baker-B.; M. Leesment	C. Miller; G. Klukas
	Eucharist	B. Poole	Officiant: P. Robinson Homilist: L. Murray	Readers: K. Moolman; B. Tshin; Z. Bartkus	B. Tshin; S. Caron
Thu	MP	J. Low.-Samuels	J. Paulsen; A. Brownlee	M. Tse	C. Young; J. Baxter
	P&P	Z. Bartkus	R. Bartlett; N. Cunha	J. Sholl	S. Kim
Fri	MP	J. Low.-Samuels	A. Brownlee	M. Taylor; K. Moolman	A. Tremblett
	Inform. EP	Z. Bartkus		S. Leveille	L. MacKichan

CHAPEL SERVICE TIMES

Morning Prayer
Mon-Fri, 8:30a

Wine Before Breakfast
Tue, 7:22a

Taize Evening Prayer
Mon, 5:30p

Sung Evensong
Tue, 5:30p

Community Eucharist
Wed, 4:45p

Prayer & Praise
Thu, 5:00p

Informal Evening Prayer
Fri, 5:30



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