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WYCLIFFE COLLEGE • SUMMER 2013

Reflections from the Class of 2013 Graduates

The Lord's Angels Leading

BY SIMON OKURUT, W2013 MTSD

I THINK GOD SENT AN ARMY OF ANGELS to lead me to Wycliffe College. It started with one who dropped a leaflet at my door advertising the Chinese church that uses the College on Sundays. When I followed it up, I became a regular attendee, though the only black member. Later, a guest speaker from Tyndale University told us about graduate study opportunities there; that single leaflet led from one thing to another and I joined the Tyndale seminary.

More angels in the persons of Bishop Patrick Yu, Dean Mercer, Annette Brownlee, Theodore Hunt, and the Wycliffe staff and faculty who gave a presentation at Tyndale Seminary, completed the route. The Wycliffe MTSD program was a

perfect choice as it would complement what I had studied before and I wanted to acquire more skills for social justice and development.

My faith journey is shaped by African tradition, Catholicism, and Protestantism because in my extended family relations there was at least one member that identified with one tradition or the other. My family and I are Anglicans from a fairly long line. My grandparents were baptized because of Mammy: she passed the Vernacular Bible reading test while others failed it, but all were baptized nevertheless because of her success.

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Simon on the left-hand side, Vice-Principal of St. Mary's Girls' Secondary School Madera Soroti (Uganda, 1998-2003)

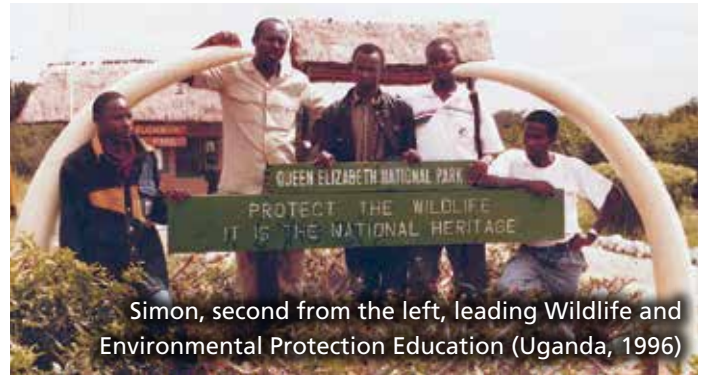
In Uganda, I trained as a high school teacher and served as a vice-principal for several years, and then as a project planner and manager of a community based project. My other studies include diplomacy, peacekeeping, financial planning and social work.

I love the Wycliffe community! I have yet to find another school seminary that has such friendly, committed and supportive staff and faculty as Wycliffe. From financial support, counseling, church services to sharing lunch, one sees a neat and united community. The students, staff and faculty have all been helpful to me. The support staff is an amazing lot: smiling, cheerful, singing, laughing and cracking jokes as they go about their daily routine work. If you are bored, annoyed or worried over something, just go to the Day Students' Lounge and you will be challenged by happy people who might inspire you to be positive. It is free therapeutic treatment!

I leave Wycliffe fully aware that the Lord's angels are ready to lead me somewhere again. I like Joseph Henry Gilmore's (1862) prayer

and hymn, "He leadeth me! O blessed tho't! O words with heav'nly comfort fraught! What-e'er I do, wher-e'er I be, Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me!" I thank the Lord for the tangible and intangible gifts he has given me. I offer to go wherever he leads or sends me. So, all I can say is "Here I am, Lord, send me" (Isaiah 6:8).

Simon Okurut convoked this past May from Wycliffe College and holds a Master of Theological Studies in Urban and International Development.



Principal's Message

Dear Friends,

Greetings in Christ!

One of the most popular recent ideas in many areas of intellectual life has been that of 'narrative.' Philosophers have seen that the telling of a story is how humans maintain an identity, both individually and collectively. We at Wycliffe minister near Emmanuel College, where the famous literary critic and theorist, Northrop Frye, wrote about the 'Great Code,' the grand narrative that is behind Western literature. And for him, the source of that Great Code was the storyline which is the backbone of Holy Scripture. Behind this trend in our culture is the salvation story, though this may often not be recognized.

While the narrative of God's Word is one, a great diversity of smaller narratives tell the tales of human beings being led back to God. These stories of ours mirror the great story, especially in its stages of creation, lostness, redemption, and hope. At the heart of the conversion of peoples is this same pattern of coming to Christ who is the First and the Last.



In this issue you will read powerful examples of these narratives in obedience to the Great Narrative from our student body. Such stories of conversion and calling lie at the heart of evangelical spirituality. Likewise our honorary graduates offer narratives of service and obedience which inspire.

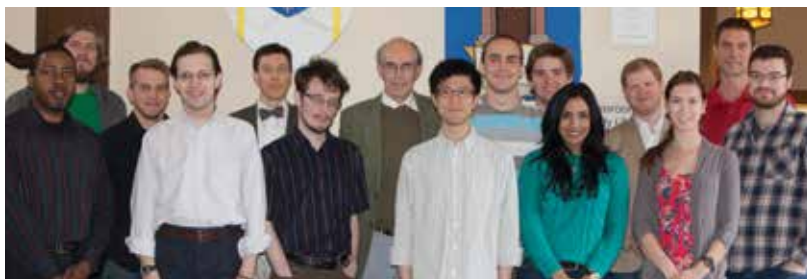
Recently, I visited an elderly grad who had been a pastor for many years. In his 90s he talked about how he is able to see more and more the providential hand of God in his own life, especially the parts that seemed more inexplicable at the time. We tell our Christian stories forward, and yet we are given, in retrospect, intimations of God's much greater narrative of drawing us, and His world, to Himself.

The Rev. Canon Dr. George Sumner
Principal and Helliwell Professor of World Mission

A Return to Wycliffe: Prof. Oliver O'Donovan

TST STUDENTS RECENTLY ATTENDED a Wycliffe summer class with Christian ethicist, Oliver O'Donovan. Professor O'Donovan has taught at Edinburgh, Oxford, and Wycliffe, and his publications, including *Desire of the Nations and The Ways of Judgment*, constructively engage biblical interpretation and contemporary ethical and political thought. In line with this integrative approach, the summer course on Ethics as Theology drew from Scripture, traditional voices such as Augustine, Luther, and John Paul II, and O'Donovan's forthcoming book *Self, World, and Time*. Countering mono-thematic ethics and value-neutral politics, O'Donovan argues for a discerning growth of moral reasoning within the multi-polar dimensions of communal life. Throughout O'Donovan's continual dialogue between ethics, Scripture, and doctrine, he suggests that moral reasoning is realized through the dynamic interplay between the Christ-centered virtues of faith, love, and hope.

Matthew Thollander
ThD student, Wycliffe College



NEW FACULTY AT WYCLIFFE



DR. DAVID KUPP APPOINTED PROFESSOR OF PASTORAL THEOLOGY IN URBAN AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Prof. Kupp has joined Wycliffe faculty half-time to teach and develop the Masters of Theological Studies in Urban & International Development (MTSD) program. David has an M.A. from Fuller Seminary and a Ph.D. from Durham University, UK. He brings many years of international development experience, including more than two decades at World Vision in virtually every sphere of their programming and strategy, including extensive work in east Africa. He also consults with a range of NGOs and church agencies in Canada and abroad. We welcome David as the MTSD continues to grow at Wycliffe.



THE REV. DR. JUDY PAULSEN APPOINTED PROFESSOR OF EVANGELISM

Prof. Paulsen has been appointed as Professor of Evangelism effective June 1st, 2013. Judy grew up as a child of missionaries in India. Before ordination, she worked as a speech and language pathologist in northern Ontario. A Wycliffe M.Div. graduate, Judy holds a D.Min. in Missional Leadership from Fuller Seminary. Judy has served with distinction in the Diocese of Toronto, at Trinity, Streetsville, and St. Bride's, Clarkson, before her time as rector of Christ Church, Oshawa. She has also served in a wide variety of roles both for the Anglican Church and the Institute of Evangelism over the years. Her new appointment is in conjunction with a position as associate priest at St. Paul's, Bloor Street, Toronto.

Save the Date

50th Anniversary of the Toronto Anglican Congress September 18, 2013

Fifty years ago, the Toronto Anglican Congress marked the coming of age of Anglicanism as a global communion. The years that followed, including the recent period of turmoil, have posed the challenge of working out of the meaning of "mutual responsibility and interdependence in the Body of Christ."

This one day conference will gather global Anglican leaders to think through this theme in light of contemporary questions; the covenant, the status of the instruments of unity, the role of provinces and dioceses, and the nature of reconciliation.

Participants confirmed:

Principal George Sumner, Prof. Ephraim Radner

The Most Rev. Eliud Wabukala, Primate of Kenya

The Most Rev. Mouneer Anis, Primate of Jerusalem and the Middle East

The Most Rev. Bernard Ntahoturi, Archbishop of Burundi

The Most Rev. Ian Ernest, Primate of the Indian Ocean

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Josiah Idowu-Fearon, Bishop of Kaduna, Nigeria

Principal's Dinner September 19, 2013

EARLY FALL

Frontlines of Faith: Encountering Islam in the Majority World Christian Church

Guest speakers:

The Most Rev. Mouneer Anis, Primate of Jerusalem and the Middle East

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Josiah Idowu-Fearon, Bishop of Kaduna, Nigeria

We hope you can join us at this very special evening.

Preaching Day October 16, 2013

"Life in a Figure" with the Rev. Dr. Ephraim Radner

Hebrews 11:19: Preaching the figural meaning of Scripture, with special reference to Matthew's Gospel.

Morning Star Seminar October 21-23, 2013

Calvin's Commentary of St. John's Gospel with Prof. Peter Robinson

Saint John, NB

"Student for a Day" November 6, 2013

Attend lectures, meet students and faculty and worship together.

Please visit the Wycliffe website for updates and information on upcoming events. <http://www.wycliffecollege.ca>



Wycliffe College Graduating Class of 2013

THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF MINISTRY

Annette Geoffrion Brownlee

THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF THEOLOGY

Murray Clare Baker

Mark Kim

Patrick Douglas MacRae
Patterson

THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF THEOLOGY

Jamie Simon Hussain

Stephen Nduati

Suneal Pal

Hikaru Tanaka

THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF DIVINITY, HONOURS

Stephen Andrew Edwards

Alicia Lynne Good

THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF DIVINITY

Allison Christine Chubb

Christophe John MacNeill
D'Angelo

Sherry Lynn De Jonge

Amy Elizabeth Dow

Suraj John George

James Randall Greve

Graham Edwin McCaffrey

Hernando Munoz Oyuela

Nancy Jill Neuman

Michael Wayne O'Hara

Kenneth Ray Orsburn, Jr.

Brennan Rabbets

Pamela Pauline Rayment

Stephen Frederic Setzer

Ginnie Jessica Wong

Kevin Kin Leung Wong

THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF RELIGION

Adrian E. Isaacs

THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES IN URBAN & INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Tyson John Burke

Alicia Yoonji Chang

Sonya Dykstra

Kristin Elizabeth Hersey

Joanna April James

Hye Lee Jo



Anelynda Elisabeth Mielke

Joanna Catherine Moon

Simon Peter Okurut

Maureen Ugochi Ononiwu

Kate Emily Smith





THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

David Ralph Dunnill
Jesse David Christian Hove
Daniel John Marker
Catherine Meredyth
McDermott
Carmen Rosa Ramirez
Wesley Paul Roberts
Zoe Evangeline Thiessen
Rhea Wilson
Chun Kit Chris Wong



DIPLOMA IN CHRISTIAN STUDIES

Man Sze To

CERTIFICATE IN ANGLICAN STUDIES

Sarah Ruth Holmstrom
Thomas Craig Lapp



Class of 2013



THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN THEOLOGY

University of
St. Michael's College
Conferred November 2012
Man Chung Cheung
Peter Darrell Oulton
Robert Brian Robson

THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS IN THEOLOGY

University of
St. Michael's College
Conferred November 2012
Andrew Albert Fulford
Sarah Ruth Holmstrom



HONOURARY DEGREES CONFERRED IN 2013

JENNIFER HAROLD

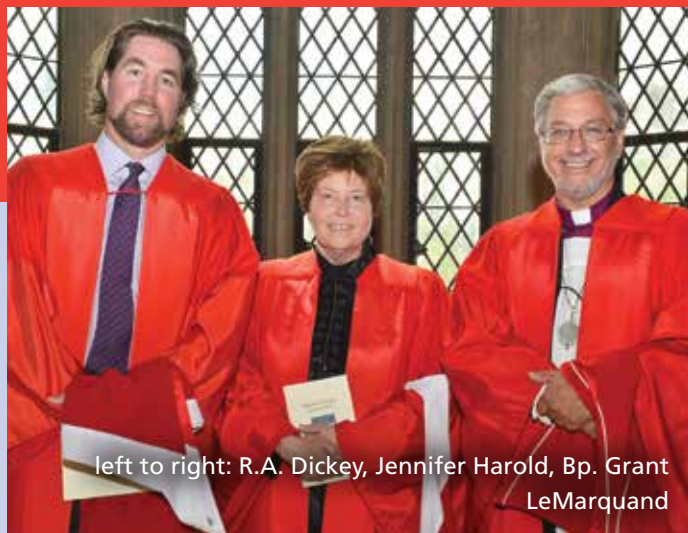
Doctor of Sacred Letters (Honoris Causa)

Jennifer Harold has had a distinguished career with World Vision, Canada, serving as National Director of programs. She has led programs in the Congo and Sierra Leone among other locations and has combined her technical expertise and inter-personal skills in a way which is exemplary for development work in general. She has nurtured and mentored hundreds of mission workers throughout her career and she was a trailblazer in helping launch Wycliffe College's Master of Theological Studies in Urban and International Development. She received a Doctor of Sacred Letters, Honoris Causa.

R.A. DICKEY

Doctor of Sacred Letters (Honoris Causa)

R.A. Dickey, knuckleball master and pitcher with the Toronto Blue Jays, has lived out his evangelical faith in inspiring ways. He has given of his time, substance, and profile to the issue of anti-human trafficking. His honesty and candour have helped to bring attention, understanding, and compassion to the issue of abuse. He received a Doctor of Sacred Letters, Honoris Causa.



left to right: R.A. Dickey, Jennifer Harold, Bp. Grant LeMarquand

THE RT. REV. DR. GRANT LEMARQUAND

Doctor of Divinity (Honoris Causa)

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Grant LeMarquand is the Area Anglican Bishop of Egypt, with responsibility for the Horn of Africa, which includes Somalia, Eritrea, Sudan and Djibouti. His work also involves being the chair of the board of the Alexandria School of Theology. He has a Th.D. in New Testament from Wycliffe. He taught for a number of years at Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry in Ambridge, PA. His writings include work in African Christian hermeneutics. Grant is a native of Montreal. He shares his missionary work with his wife Wendy, a physician. He received a Doctor of Divinity, Honoris Causa.

Convocation Address 2013: R.A. Dickey

The following is a partial text of R.A. Dickey's Convocation address to the Wycliffe College Class of 2013. Transcription courtesy of the Toronto Star.

“**T**HANK YOU WYCLIFFE COLLEGE, thank you graduates, for letting me celebrate this day with you. What a fantastic day.

I've got to thank Principal Sumner in particular for his baseball metaphors, which made me feel right at home. I did learn that he's a Boston Red Sox fan (boos from crowd). I'm sorry, I've outed ya. I'm also pleased to say I'm not sorry for disappointing you this weekend (cheers from crowd). I gotta say the way the Blue Jays have been playing early

on this year, it's nice to come to a place that abounds with grace (laughs).

In preparing for the few words that I was going to say today, I really wanted to speak from the heart, based on my own experience in ministry and my own experience as a human being. Because I think one of the things that you guys have done that are members of the graduating class, that whenever you came on campus you devoted your life to not only a life of growth spiritually, but also a life of service.

I stand before you not in any way a self-made man. I have been a product of a lot of people who have loved me and poured into me in a way that has transformed my life, not only as a small child, but as I've grown as an adult, and I would be remiss if I didn't share . . . with you about that, in the hopes of leaving you with what I feel could be something that you could take and remember in an effort to make a difference in the lives of other people, which you inevitably will be called to do in some capacity.

So to that end, I got to a place where I was in my life about six years ago where I was at the end of myself. I have spent some time — I became a Christian when I was 13, but I didn't have the follow-through that I needed — but nonetheless I found myself in the fall of 2006 at the steering wheel of a car with all the windows rolled up and a garden hose attached from the muffler to the passenger-side window in the hopes of ending it all. Why? Because I had done some things in my life and come to a place in my life where I had realized that I had made a lot of mistakes, and not only had I made a lot of mistakes, but I had been the victim of some things that are tough to wrap your arms around, a Christian or not. So I was in that place and I was about to turn the key and I really felt the Holy Spirit saying, "R.A., I'm not done with you yet. Don't do that." Like literally those words: "Do not do that." And so as lonely as I felt in that moment at the steering wheel of a Chevrolet Cavalier, I never felt truly alone. I think there's something to be said in that.

I share that with you and I'm vulnerable with you in this moment because I really believe that God has called me to be here for a reason. I do believe in divine appointments, I believe this is one of them. . . . From then on, as I walked out of that car, I had the encouragement of my pastor at home to seek help from Christian counsel, and some of you may end up in that place. And it was there that my life was changed forevermore, I think because I had to deal with a lot of stuff from my broken past, a very toxic past, a very dysfunctional past, and maybe some of you guys out there know what I'm talking about exactly, and if you don't you will certainly come in contact with people that do.

I think one of the things we share, the common denominator whether you're Canadian or American or African, it does not matter. We are all bound by adversity and tribulation, to some degree. Maybe it's through the loss of a loved one; maybe it's a broken relationship; maybe it's something far deeper. But we're all together in that. So a lot of my life from that point on — and what I hope to leave you guys with as you go out into the world and you start to have an impact in the lives of other people is this: I've started to develop disciplines and mechanisms to deal with what was very broken about the world, and what was also very beautiful about the world. How do I go about my life being able to hold both the tragedy of this earth and the joy of this earth? And it was from there that I really started to grow as a human being and as a pitcher; I started to be very transparent in my relationships after not trusting anyone for years and years and years — including my wife, which almost cost me my marriage. . . .

As I continue to walk forward in this life, whether it's in the dugout at the Rogers Centre or it's here with you, God has given me a responsibility of trying to invest in every moment, in conversation, in relationship with whomever, and to try to devote myself to the discipline of sucking the marrow out of every second that I can. I think that is what God helps us to do. In Mark, in particular, when he says to us, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength; and the second commandment is this: to love thy neighbour as thyself." Even Victor Hugo, one of the lines of his book *Les Misérables*, I think, is "To love another person is to see the face of



R. A. Dickey

God." I think there's something that we can take out of that and apply it to our everyday lives. That's what was done for me.

So I stand before you and have accepted the invitation to speak before you because I feel like that is something valuable to understand: that you will be the Christian counsellors in people's lives, you will be the pastors in people's lives, the friends, the mothers, the fathers, who will ultimately be able to communicate that truth and that is, in essence, the great commission of mine, to go and be disciples and part of that is in the fabric of our own families. . . .

Within the framework and the culture of baseball to live a Christian life is not always easy. . . . It's a very dysfunctional lifestyle and a real challenge to try to live a life that you can glorify God in. I'm called to be a father to my children. Thank God for Skype and for iChat, which has enabled me to be a parent from a long distance. But we have to work hard at it. Within the culture of baseball I am a minority. Within the clubhouse we're usually looking at, maybe, five or six believers. So it can be a real challenge.

I share that with you to speak about the importance of community. Community has

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made a big difference in my life at home. I've surrounded myself with people that I know I can trust, and I know will love me well, and when I say love me well that means telling the truth. So I also encourage you as you go forth today to invite people into your life that you know and trust to be able to pour into you. And it's not always pretty, right? Growth is painful sometimes. I know it has been for me. But at the end I think the reward is that you develop a more intimate relationship with a living God.

And so if I could go back to opening day and I felt like it was kosher, I would have said, "Please tell the PA guy to announce me as: 'R.A. Dickey, starting pitcher of the Toronto Blue Jays and the child of a living God.'" I think that would be pretty powerful to do that. That is what you are, that is what we all

are as believers in this community. We're all children of a living God and that's a powerful thing and it's something that's life-saving, it's life-transforming, it's life-changing. . . . To be able to sit with another human being and their sorrow and their grief is an incredible thing to have the capacity to do that, and it takes practice and it takes prayer and it takes you involving other people to sit with you in your grief. Because ultimately, at the end of the day, that's what transforms. And that's what Christ did: he sat with people and their sorrow and he offered them a different life. And that's what you guys are going to be doing. And that fires me, that fires me up.

Even in the culture of my clubhouse, because there are a lot of people that have broken pasts, like my own, maybe they've been sexually

abused, maybe they come from a broken family, maybe they've had a drug addiction, maybe they're presently grappling that I don't know, but if I'm transparent and vulnerable I can sit with them and their grief, even if it's the smallest amount, then I will gain the ability to do relationship with that person. And those are the gifts that I've been given in my journey.

We all have a personal narrative. That's the one thing that makes this life so awesome: that we all have our own narrative. I have mine, you have yours, but at the end of the day we're all connected in some way. . . . Making a difference in the lives of others is being able to extend a hand to another human being and offer them the hope you have in Christ Jesus. So with that I'd like to say may God bless you now and forevermore."



Reflections from the Class of 2013 Graduates

From Stay-At-Home Mom To Wycliffe Student

Alicia Good, M.Div. (Hon.) W2013, Pastor,
North Leamington Mennonite Church

I am deeply grateful for my past three years as a full-time M.Div. student at Wycliffe. God has allowed this to be a time of healing and growth in my life in more ways than I can count.

I first heard about Wycliffe in the spring of 2010 through my Anglican brother, who thought I might be interested in the MTS Development program. At that point I was a stay-at-home mom in a small rural community on the edge of the Greater Toronto Area. My husband had lost his job

in the recession and after three months of searching for work we made the difficult decision that both of us would go back to school. For years I had felt a sense of calling to ministry but the timing had never seemed right to go to seminary, initially because I was already working full-time in a group home for adults with special needs, and later because I was caring for our baby girl. As I struggled to find some kind of meaning in the difficult circumstances of our lives, I realized that perhaps God was opening up a door to a dream which I had previously buried.

The Wycliffe community became a place for me to process my sense of call to ministry and to test whether God actually had gifted me for pastoral leadership. The encouragement of my professors and classmates allowed me to engage my academic skills and to develop a greater ability to think theologically about complex issues. After graduation I will begin work as pastor of North Leamington United Mennonite Church. I will look back on my time at Wycliffe with thankfulness for all that I have learned, and especially for the amazing people God has brought into my life.

STUDENT FOCUS

FROM BAY STREET LAWYER TO WYCLIFFE STUDENT

Jeff Potter, 1st year M.Div. Pioneer Track student

Over the past few months, I have learned that Wycliffe College is a wonderful place. Having just completed my first term as a full-time M.Div. (Pioneer Track) student, I have already experienced the fellowship and support of an extraordinary Christian community, the depth of knowledge and care for students exhibited by professors, and the spirit of hope and expectation that fills the college.

Even as I give thanks to God for calling me to make a shift in my life and attend Wycliffe, I must admit that there are times when my return to studenthood feels somewhat surreal. On the one hand, my present circumstances are most natural – I grew up in the Anglican Church and as a teenager leading a youth ministry program, I discovered a passion for sharing the gospel with those around me. In this way, I have always felt called to a role in ministry. I have not always, however, been particularly responsive to this call.

Despite being told by many close to me that I was headed into the wrong profession – something I did not entirely disagree with – I spent the past several years working as a Bay Street lawyer with a commercial litigation practice. What I have learned is that you can't get away from God's call. Despite my apparent success, I felt hollow and unfulfilled, and this led to a period of discernment that, in turn, ultimately led me to leave my practice to attend Wycliffe.

The support that I have found at Wycliffe College has made all the difference for me in this time of transition. Being surrounded by students and professors who are similarly passionate about learning what it means to join in the mission of the church in a post-Christendom world, has truly been a joy and a privilege. I look forward to spending the next few years exploring the depths of all that Wycliffe has to offer.



STUDENT FOCUS

FROM TEACHER FOR THE DEAF TO WYCLIFFE STUDENT

Eileen Harbottle, 1st year MTS student

Approximately two years before I retired as an itinerant teacher for deaf and hard of hearing students for our local public school board, I asked God to prepare me for another phase of my life. I took volunteer's training at a hospice and helped with a children's grief group as well as in the palliative care unit of our local hospital. I inquired about the process of becoming a hospital chaplain and learned of the requirement of a master's level of theological studies and the need to take clinical pastoral education at an affiliated medical facility.

Although I grew up, was educated, and worked in Toronto, I have lived and worked in the Peterborough area for much of my career. This new degree program would mean that I would need to commute to Toronto. As a Christian influenced by Presbyterian, Baptist and Associated Gospel traditions, I looked for a college that held to the authority of Scripture and the centrality of

Jesus as Lord and Saviour. It was important that Wycliffe College was open to 'non-Anglicans', offered flexibility in providing options for part-time distant learners, was affordable and, of course, was close to the bus terminal! My husband had also just completed his Master in Theological Studies degree at Wycliffe. So began my journey of applying to Wycliffe College for further study.

Having now completed my first year of studies at Wycliffe and a unit of clinical pastoral education at a major Toronto hospital, I am proceeding with hospital chaplaincy in view. The reality is that only God knows the next steps and the destination in my journey. In the meantime, I am thankful for being stretched by my studies and challenged in ways that are needful and look forward to the plans that God will uncover for service over the coming months and years.



News From The Institute Of Evangelism

BY JOHN BOWEN, DIRECTOR, INSTITUTE OF EVANGELISM

A few years ago, when Judy Paulsen's name appeared on the ballot for the position of one of the Toronto Area Bishops, I was alarmed.

Don't get me wrong. Judy would make a great bishop. But I was presumptuous enough to have other ideas about Judy's future. I took her for lunch and shared them.

This coming September, those ideas will begin to unfold. Judy is leaving a fruitful ten-year ministry at Christ Memorial Church, Oshawa, to take up a two-part position: she will join the staff of St. Paul's, Bloor Street, 60% of the time; and she will take over my teaching responsibilities at Wycliffe the other 40%.

Why did I think this would be a good idea? Judy Paulsen has a unique combination of gifts. She is, perhaps first and foremost (from my point-of-view anyway), a parish priest with effective gifts in evangelism. She admits there is something mysterious about the way people with no Christian commitment walk in off the street, or phone her to say they are coming to Christ Church, who then stick around, and over time decide to follow Jesus and be baptised. There is a pattern to the way this happens around Judy.

It's sad, really, that this is so unusual! But for a person like this to be teaching future leaders, particularly ordained ones, it is invaluable. (I have always been very conscious that most of my experience in evangelism has been outside the parish context and somewhat removed from those situations our students will be moving into.) This is also why it is excellent that Judy will still be on staff at a real live parish church (albeit a unique one!)—St. Paul's. There, God willing, more experiences of evangelism will come her way to fuel her passion and bring authenticity to her teaching in the classroom.

In recent years, Judy has also been working on a Doctor of Ministry degree at Fuller Seminary in California. Last summer, she completed her studies by successfully defending her thesis on how Messy Church grows disciples. She showed convincingly that Messy Church, in spite of the caricature that it is a glorified Sunday School program, actually helps families with no Christian background begin to follow Jesus in their daily lives. Her research was featured in an edition of the Institute of Evangelism's monthly newsletter, good idea!, in September 2012.



You can read her article online at www.institute.wycliffecollege.ca. Her academic credentials make it even more fitting that she should be teaching at Wycliffe.

As people hear about Judy's future, they tend to ask about mine. "Are you retiring?" they ask. The answer is no . . . but my job is changing somewhat. I will continue to direct the Institute of Evangelism half-time, but in the other half I will be on a five-year contract to give leadership to a new centre (as yet unnamed) which will co-ordinate and enhance the college's ministry to church leaders. Stay tuned!

Meanwhile, I am grateful that those seeds sown over lunch a few years back have begun to bear fruit. Never underestimate the power of lunch. And make sure you pay.



The Venerable Robert Philip Dann, MA, BD, DD

1917-2013

BY REG STACKHOUSE

When Bob Dann passed from this life on March 15, 2013, the Church lost one of its 'big men'. Everything about him was 'big'. In physique, he towered over most of the people he met during a long life of ninety-five years. Born and reared on a New Brunswick farm, Bob did not cease from manual exercise when he exchanged tilling fields and milking cows for the urbanity of first, Fredericton's University of New Brunswick, and then Toronto's Wycliffe College.

He applied himself to his studies with the same commitment he would show in the pastoral ministry he made his primary purpose in life. Although that ministry began in rural parishes in the Diocese of Toronto, it soon became a suburban one when he was appointed rector of St. George's Church, Islington. A thriving congregation when Bob became its rector in 1947, St. George's soon became 'bigger' not only in a membership that more

than doubled the church's size but by the addition of an impressive education facility still used today. Not surprisingly, this pastoral dynamic was recognized on the diocesan level when Bob accepted the position of Director of Church Extension, while also remaining as rector of the parish.

In 1960, Bob was called to the rectorship of St. Paul's, Bloor Street, where his heart, mind and frame so wrapped themselves around his people that he remained with them longer than any previous rector. Even now, St. Paul's includes men and women who testify that they are there because of Bob.

Bob's heart was big enough too for decades of happiness, first with Dorothy and the three children they reared, then in his later years with Suzie with whom he moved to London, Ontario. There he became an equally loved and respected cleric who was ever ready to assume the care of a



vacant church and help its people sustain themselves as they waited for a successor.

What tribute can be equal to the message this man's life and ministry sends new generations? The tribute of a Scottish leader for another leader fits Bob: "He was a man, and taken for all in all, we shall not see his like again..."

The Rev. Canon Dr. Reginald Stackhouse is Principal Emeritus and Research Professor of Wycliffe College

WE REMEMBER THOSE ALUMNI "CALLED HOME" IN 2012-2013

I N M E M O R I A M

The Rev. David Adams W'65, The Rev. Canon A. Gordon Baker W'54 & W'58,

The Rev. Gerald Butterworth Associate Alumnus '57, The Ven. Robert Dann W '40, W'61 (Hon. Doctorate),

Mr. Donald Duncan W2005, The Rev. Canon John Fralick W'54 & W'58,

The Rev. Ken Gibbs W'61, Ms. Isa Hauser W2004, The Rev. Warren Marsh W'77, Mr. John McBride W'75,

The Rev. George Sandilands W'69, Mr. Donald Wilson W2001

*'...seeing then that we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses...
let us run the race that is set before us.' Hebrews 12:1*

Building Theological Education For The North



BY JULIE GOLDING-PAGE

Do you take dreams seriously? Our northern indigenous brothers and sisters do and their long-held dream of a computer-based theological education program is becoming a reality, with the help of Wycliffe College.

Northern indigenous Anglicans face unique educational challenges. Access to post-secondary education is limited in isolated locales. In addition, available materials are often not geared for northerners, who may speak English as a second or third language and hold different cultural assumptions.

Wycliffe's new program will be developed specifically for a northern aboriginal context.

Our team includes Wycliffe staff and students, collaborating with indigenous bishops and pastors from several Council of the North dioceses: the Arctic, Saskatchewan, Keewatin, and Moosonee. As we learn from each other, we hope to discover new ways of pursuing God's mission in Canada together.

Content development is now under way, with the release of the first two courses on DVD - Old Testament Survey and Luke - slated for year-end. Additional online and DVD content is planned for 2014.

The Rev. Julie Golding-Page is Project Coordinator, Online Anglican Education for Northern Native Communities at Wycliffe College

A RETURN TO WYCLIFFE

Eight Cree leaders from the Diocese of Saskatchewan visited Wycliffe College during March of 2013 for professional and theological enrichment. The first visit of this kind was in 2010 and it was a success worth repeating, this time with the help of the Catholic and Apostolic Universal Trust of the Anglican Foundation of Canada. During the visit, leaders took time with Wycliffe professors and doctoral students to develop their biblical and theological knowledge as well as their pastoral skills.

Most of these leaders serve their communities without a stipend and they must hold other jobs to support their ministries. This partnership with the Diocese, we pray, will provide ongoing support to clergy ministering in Northern Cree communities.

Pictured here:

Front (L to R): Gwenda Yong, Lloyd Young, Greg Bear, Eugene Meraffy
Second Row (L to R): Katrina Halkett, Theresa Halkett, Andy Witt (PhD. Candidate), Gary Graber (Principal James Settee College, W91 & 2007)
Back Row (L to R): Bishop Adam Halkett, Morris McKenzie



Changing Of The Guard

New Residence Don For Wycliffe

Wycliffe College is pleased to announce that Lane Scruggs is our new Residence Don.

Lane completed an MTS in 2011 and is currently a doctoral candidate at Wycliffe. He and his wife Chantelle have lived at Wycliffe for almost four years where they have been quite active in the community life around the college. They have a one-year-old son, Hudson.

Lane has previous experience managing residence and student affairs; he was the Admissions and Marketing Coordinator at Alberta Bible College in Calgary before coming to Wycliffe.

As we welcome Lane to his new role we also would like to thank Luke Elliot for his great service as our Residence Don over the past three years. Luke, his wife Yuko, and children, Grace (6) and Faith (4), Judah (2) and Josiah (1), have returned to Japan to work as missionaries. Their first year will include language learning for Luke at the OMF Center in Sapporo, Hokkaido. They will be based permanently in Aomori, Northern Japan. Please pray for Luke, Yuko, and their children as they adjust to this big change.



SCRUGGS FAMILY

Left to right:
Lane, Chantelle,
Hudson



ELLIOT FAMILY

Back row left to right:
Josiah, Luke, Yuko

Front row left to right:
Grace, Judah, Faith

RECENT ORDINATIONS



Far left: Jonathan Springthorpe W2012 (Fredericton)



Left to right: Chris Dow W2012, Amy Chandy Dow W2013,
The Rt. Rev. Michael Hawkins (Saskatchewan)



Left to right: Kevin Wong W2013, Mark Regis W2009,
Ian LaFleur, Randy Greve W2013 (Toronto)



Left to right: Mary McManus, Prof. Ephraim Radner,
Patrick McManus W2005, Pamela Rayment W2013,
the Rt. Rev. Stephen Andrews W84 (Algoma)



The Changing Landscape of Evangelical Views of Scripture

BY MARION TAYLOR, PROFESSOR OF OLD TESTAMENT

WILLIAM HENRY GREEN (1825-1900) was Princeton Seminary's renowned "naysayer" against radical higher criticism and defender of traditionally held views about the authorship, integrity and inspiration of Scripture. In his opening lecture in the fall of 1881, Green opined, "the burning question of the age is not, What does the Bible teach? It is one more radical and fundamental: *What is the Bible?* In what sense is it the Word of God? Is it a revelation from Him, and divinely authoritative; or is it to be left to the interpreters to say what in it is from God and worthy of our faith, and what is the fallible human element that may be rejected?"

Green's answer to the question, *What is the Bible?*, stressed the Bible's divine nature; he rejected the Enlightenment dictum that the Bible was like any other book. His conservatism manifested itself consistently in his defensive battles against higher critics and their methods and conclusions. For Green, there was no middle ground between faith and what he regarded as "unbelieving" criticism. He judged untenable the position held by fellow American, Charles Briggs, whose piety remained evangelical in spite of his more liberal views about Scripture; in fact Green supported the heresy charges laid against Briggs.

More than a century later, evangelicals are still asking the questions Green felt were so important in relation to the nature of Scripture. To the dismay of some card-carrying evangelicals, there *is* no longer *one* "evangelical" doctrine of Scripture. At a conference at Wheaton College on The Evangelical Doctrine of Scripture in 2001, scholars who identified themselves as evangelicals shared their struggles about the nature of biblical revelation, acknowledging that Scripture is "*fully* divine in its origin, and yet comes to us by means of *fully* human agents." They argued that a twenty-first

century "evangelical" approach to Scripture must not stress "too strongly the divine origin at the expense of reducing the human participants to mere automatons." Such an approach, they averred, "run[s] the risk of ignoring the wealth, variety and riches of the human practices and perspectives affirmed by the scriptural authors and witnesses." At the same time, they argued that an "evangelical" approach to Scripture should not "stress too strongly the human limitations and fallenness of its composers" as that might "run the risk of limiting the divine initiative and supremacy, creating a god in the image of deism."¹ The published papers from the Wheaton conference on Scripture demonstrate that there continues to be little agreement as to the proper balance in understanding the divine-human authorship of the written Word among evangelical biblical scholars. The firing of tenured evangelical Old Testament Professor Peter Enns from Westminster Seminary over his views on Scripture in 2005 confirms that the battle over Scripture is not over.

Wycliffe College's Six Principles begin with a clear and helpful answer to Green's question, *What is the Bible?* declaring: "The sufficiency and supremacy of Holy Scripture as the rule of faith." This

statement leaves room for discussions about the proper balance in understanding the divine-human authorship of the written Word. Wycliffe's faculty has been part of important discussions about Scripture in the past and such discussions continue as current faculty teach and publish about Scripture and offer leadership in what some are calling "Theological Exegesis". This new model is defined by Enns as "a distinctively Christian reading that seeks *coherence* and *relevance*: *coherence*, meaning it seeks to understand the parts in relation to the whole; *relevance*, meaning it seeks to focus on the theological significance of such exegesis for the church."² I believe that the question *What is the Bible?* remains a burning one for all Christians. I encourage you to take time to learn about the important deliberations about Scripture that continue to stir up great controversy.

Dr. Marion Taylor recently won the award for best Academic book at the Word Guild 2013 Canadian Christian Writing Awards and was shortlisted for the Grace Irwin Award, for her book,

"Handbook of Women Biblical Interpreters: A Historical and Biographical Guide"

¹ *Evangelicals & Scripture: Tradition, Authority and Hermeneutics*. Eds. Vincent Bacote, Lauta C. Miguez, and Dennis L. Okholm, Downers Grove: IVP, 2004.

² Peter Enns, "Some Thoughts on Theological Exegesis of the Old Testament: Toward a Viable Model of Biblical Coherence and Relevance," *Reformation and Revival Journal* 14/4 (2005): 81. You can find it online at peterennsonline.com/.../wp.../theological-exegesis-rr-summer-05.pdf

Recommended Summer Reading

BY GLEN TAYLOR

Frederick Dale Bruner has recently published a commentary on the *Gospel of John* (Eerdmans, 2012). If it is half as good as his Matthew commentary, it will be worth the cost and indispensable.



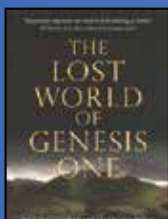
Christopher J. H. Wright, *The Mission of God's People* (Zondervan 2010), is a good lay person's biblical theology and would be ideal as the basis for a year-long adult Bible study group. (This should not be confused with his more detailed book, *The Mission of God*.)



Arnie Berg's *A Reasonable God: Ordinary Action in a Supernatural World* (HYTEC Press, 2011) gives a helpful perspective on the debate between evolution, intelligent design and young earth creationism that urges us not to confuse questions about the how, offered by science, with those about the why, offered through Scripture.



Regarding Genesis 1, John Walton's book *The Lost World of Genesis 1* (IVP, 2009) fills the important gap between the culture to which Genesis 1 originally spoke and a modern, scientific culture that arose some four-thousand years later and that has a completely different set of suppositions and questions. By showcasing the Ancient Near Eastern context as one that addressed functional questions rather than material ones and that sought to portray the world in terms of a cosmic temple, Walton shows that many well-meaning Christian apologists have needlessly and unwittingly put Genesis 1 on a false collision course with science. Science and Genesis 1 come from different worlds that track in ways that mutually inform.



New Publications From Wycliffe Faculty

Green Shoots out of Dry Ground: Growing a New Future for the Church in Canada
Edited by John P. Bowen. Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock, 2013.



All over Canada, from coast to coast, there is new life in the Christian church. In spite of declining numbers, every Christian tradition has stories to tell of new ministries, fledgling Christian communities, and fresh expressions of church springing up, sometimes in unlikely places.

Here, seventeen authors with experience in areas such as church revitalization, innovative ministry, evangelism, and church planting, reflect on what they are seeing and how the lessons they have learned can guide us into ways of health and vitality.

They tell us about immigrant churches and indigenous ministries, about youth research and environmental concerns, about churches in the city and churches in the country, about leadership and spirituality.

Scattered throughout the book are ten exciting stories of new ministries and new churches, from different traditions and different parts of the country, all seeking to engage their communities with the Gospel.

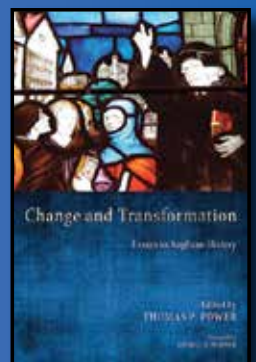
Does the church in Canada have a future? The answer these authors give is a resounding yes—green shoots can grow out of dry ground—if we are prepared to rise to the challenge and follow where the Spirit of God leads.

This book is timely, comprehensive, challenging, and deeply encouraging.

Change and Transformation: Essays in Anglican History.

Edited by Thomas P. Power. Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock, 2013.

The integrative theme of this collection of essays is change and transformation explored in the context of its diverse expressions within the context of Anglican Church history from the medieval period to the twenty-first century. It addresses some central themes that have concerned Anglicans over the centuries, notably the sacraments, liturgy, biblical interpretation, theological education, the relationship of church and state, governance and authority, and Christian education.



The collection showcases the research interests of graduates, current faculty members, and current doctoral students in history and historical theology at Wycliffe College. It is edited by Thomas Power, and has a foreword by George Sumner. Copies may be ordered through CRUX Books at Wycliffe College.

Wycliffe Alumni/ae Day

On Tuesday May 14th, alumni/ae travelled from near and as far away as Birch Hills, Saskatchewan to gather for the Wycliffe Alumni/ae Association's Annual General Meeting and Alumni/ae Day. Wycliffe welcomed back over 50 graduates, and a few who celebrated significant graduation anniversaries: the Rev. Earl Gerber, Class of 1953 celebrated his 60th anniversary and the Rev. Robert Hartley celebrated his 50th year of graduation.

It was a wonderful time for fellowship as well as scholarship as Professor Marion Taylor gave a special lecture "Bad Girls and Bad Boys of the Old Testament". The Association honoured individuals with Honorary Alumni/ae Membership and the Rev. Canon Dr. Merv Mercer was presented with The Archdeacon Harry St. Clair Hilchey Award for Distinguished Service.



Paul Patterson W07 presenting the St. Clair Hilchey Award to Merv Mercer W86

New Honorary Alumni/ae:

The Rev. Dr. Calum MacFarlane

The Rev. Canon Dr. Barry Parker

The Rev. Dr. David Reed



MUSIC AND THEOLOGY

On March 20th, 2013, Dr. Jeremy Begbie, Professor of Systematic Theology of Duke Divinity School, gave a performance lecture at the TELUS Centre for Performance and Learning. In his multimedia lecture for the Wycliffe community, Dr. Begbie argued that pictures of freedom in modernity have been plagued by competitive, 'zero-sum' models in which God's freedom and the world's are portrayed as mutually exclusive. This depends on basic, visual ways of thinking about space. By contrast, two simultaneously sounding musical notes do not occupy bounded locations in our aural space, but interpenetrate, while remaining audibly distinct and even augmenting the other's presence. Using a grand piano and recorded music, Begbie showed that our sense of hearing can help us radically reconceive and re-articulate a Christian theology of freedom.

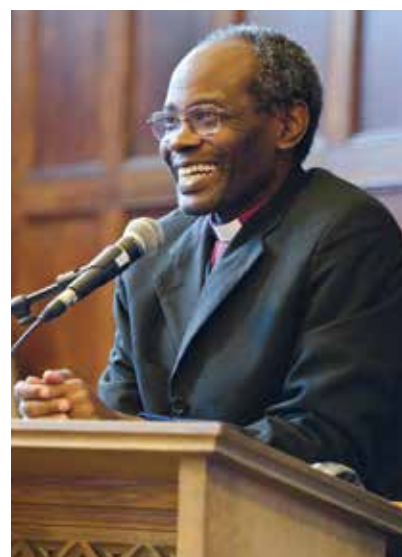
His book, *Resounding Truth: Christian Wisdom in the World of Music*, won the 2008 *Christianity Today* Book Award in the theology/ethics category.

Muslims and Christians in Tanzania

2013 Sadleir Lecture

The Rt. Rev. Mwita Akiri

Muslims and Christians in Tanzania have co-existed peacefully for more than half a century. Since 1964 when the United Republic of Tanzania was born, Julius Nyerere, the first President and the Father of the Nation taught Tanzanians to value their identity as Tanzanians first and regard each other as brothers and sisters (*ndugu*) regardless of religious or ethnic differences. For this reason, religious differences have had very little space in the public life in Tanzania. That is changing now. Tensions are rising between Christians and Muslims. Why is this? The Sadleir Lecture explored this and other related issues. To read the full text, go to www.wycliffecollege.ca





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NEWS

Greetings from Wycliffe

– by Bishop Peter Mason, Editor



Dear fellow Wycliffe grads and friends,
What rich and wide-ranging responses from Wycliffe graduates with treasured memories, challenging ministries, family developments, and deep hopes for the years ahead! Thank you for sharing so much information; in turn enjoy catching up on the 'whatabouts' and whereabouts of your fellow alumni/ae...

ALUMNI/AE ASSOCIATION WELCOME BACK BBQ

Thursday, 5 Sept., 2013, Wycliffe College, Toronto

If you plan to be in Toronto on Thursday September 5th, please join us in welcoming all returning and new students to Wycliffe. This will be a wonderful chance for alumni/ae to meet future graduates, show our support for them and even offer some sage advice! Please RSVP if you will be attending.



RSVP to Angela Mazza at:
angela.mazza@wycliffe.utoronto.ca or (416) 946-3524

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From the 1950s

The Rev. Earl Gerber (W53). On this, the 60th anniversary of his graduating class, Earl notes that four of eleven members of that class are still living: **Russ Way**, **Ross Woolley**, and **Stan Whitehouse**, and of course himself! Earl and Betsie were married that same year, mere days after graduation and ordination. Immediately they set out for Kamloops, B.C. where Earl assisted the dean of the cathedral, then within a year the young family found themselves in Inukjuak, Quebec. Six years later the Gerbers left the north for the Diocese of Toronto, where they have ministered in Washago (twice), Oak Ridges, and Mississauga, as well as several post-retirement assignments.

The Rev. Canon Peter Gratton (W56). Now living in the Lawton Park Residence in Toronto, Peter recently celebrated his 90th birthday, surrounded by such friends as Principal Sumner, Tom Harpur, Reg Stackhouse, and Chamberlain and Irene Jones. Peter recently summarized his life in

a nutshell...Enchantment, Disenchantment, and Re-enchantment "Thanks be to God" he added, "and to Wycliffe!"

Mrs. Frances Evans (W57). Frances is another Wycliffe nonagenarian who continues to remember the college fondly, despite not being able to attend college functions due to loss of sight and declining mobility. She will soon be moving to a retirement residence in Stayner, Ontario. We wish you continued strength and peace, Frances.

The Rev. Canon Gerry Fairhead (W57) also celebrated a 90th birthday recently. Still enjoying good health, Gerry regrets he will miss the Alumni/ae AGM. Perhaps next year, Gerry?

From the 1960s

The Rev. Bob Flowers (W63). Bob represents much of what is excellent within the Wycliffe tradition. Ordained deacon and priest in 1963 by Toronto Bishop George



Snell, Bob served in parishes in the dioceses of Keewatin, Algoma and Toronto. He and Marolyn are about to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary; they are blessed with three children and seven grandchildren. Good health and lots of energy enable them to enjoy a Caribbean cruise and quality time at the cottage near Havelock, Ontario. "We give God the glory for good health and for the ministry to which he has called me."

The Rev. Robert Hartley (W63). Few Wycliffe grads have enjoyed more productive retirements than Bob Hartley, whose years have been filled with intentional interim ministries, offering programs on "Powerful Preaching", and mission trips to Guyana, Guatemala, and Belize. In the midst of such varied ministries, they have found time to enjoy children and grandchildren.

The Rev. Canon Tom Martin (W63). Since 1984 Tom has served as priest in St. Edmund's Parish, in the Diocese of the Arctic. The parish consists of two separate and distinct communities, Kuujuaapik and

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Whapmagoostui, on the Quebec shore of Hudson Bay, together with the community of Sanikiluaq Harbour on the Belcher Islands in Nunavut. A dedicated group of lay ministers in each congregation is the strongest asset in all aspects of parish ministry. The recent publication of the Bible in Inuktitut has been greeted with great joy, as the Inuit people are now able to hold and read the complete Bible in their own homes. At the same time local Cree translators are working to produce the New Testament in their own dialect; this work is almost two-thirds complete. May the Lord's strength continue to support you, Tom.

From the 1970s

The Rev. Michael Li (W73). Michael enjoys an active retirement as an honorary assistant at St. Peter's Church, Cobourg, in the Diocese of Toronto. Outside that parish, he also fills in at St. George's Chapel in Gore's Landing. Michael's wife Karen has worked as the St. Peter's parish nurse for the past two years; together they mind their two grandsons on a regular basis.

From the 1980s

The Ven. Richard Jones (W81). Having officially retired a couple of years ago, Richard has more than kept busy as Canon Missioner for the Diocese of Huron, as a consultant to 28 (and counting) congregations seeking to review, expand and explore new forms of ministry, and as interim priest at Old St. Paul's Church, Woodstock. And recently Richard has been appointed archdeacon for the region of Brant, Norfolk, and Oxford. Did we say retirement?



The Rev. Dorothy Thorpe (W82). Another active retiree, Dorothy leads a prayer team in her parish, distributes "Every Day with Jesus" booklets and manages food distribution for the Open Door program in her seniors' building. In addition Dorothy is a member of the executive committee of the Anglican Communion Alliance. Continued strength to you, Dorothy.

The Ven. David Barrett (W85). After nearly nineteen years as rector of the Parish of Sussex in the Diocese of Fredericton, David and his family have moved to Quispamsis where he

is now rector of the Parish of Quispamsis and Hammond River and part of a shared ministry team. The rest of David's family – three daughters and his wife Alexandra – are all in various university programs, the latter completing her master's degree in education.

The Rev. John Paul Westin (W86) and Carolyn Robertson Westin (W86) are just completing twelve years of ministry in St. John's, Newfoundland, where John has served as rector of the historic St. Thomas' Church. Next stop: Saint John, New Brunswick, where John Paul will become rector of St. John Stone Church and Carolyn will begin a counselling practice. Along with their three daughters, John Paul and Carolyn are grateful for God bringing them to the "Rock" but are looking forward to new challenges back on the mainland!



The Rev. Fred Penney (W87). Fred is clearly a master of multi-tasking; he completed the Doctor of Ministry degree at Gordon-Conwell Seminary in 1999; and has pastored Emmanuel Community Church in Port Perry, Ontario since then. In addition Fred teaches preaching at both Tyndale Seminary in Toronto and L'viv Seminary in the Ukraine. Married for twenty-seven years, the Penneys have four children, one of whom – Joel – is pastor at Carruthers Community Church, Ajax, Ontario, and a student at Tyndale Seminary.



Ms. Barbara Hudspith (W88). For twenty-five years spiritual direction has been at the centre of Barbara's sense of Christian vocation. From a modest introduction to the practice of spiritual direction around the time of her graduation from Wycliffe, Barbara found strength and clarification through the ministry of spiritual directors. Eventually she pursued a diploma in spiritual direction at Regis College, and before long moved with her husband to the Grey County area where they began offering opportunities in



spiritual direction at their farm. Guests are free to design their own retreats and join with the Hudspiths for daily prayers, meals and fellowship. They can be found at www.farne.ca and would be happy to host old friends and new from the Wycliffe family.

The Ven. Peter Armstrong (W89), continues in parish ministry in northern Nova Scotia, and is also preparing his Doctor of Ministry thesis proposal on "team ministry."

The Rev. Catherine O'Connor (W89). After much prayer and reflection, Cathy has been ordained in the Catholic Women Priests movement. She describes this as an international movement to prepare, ordain in apostolic succession, and support women who are called by the Holy Spirit and their communities to a renewed priestly ministry rooted in justice and faithful to the gospel. They represent a renewed priestly ministry in vibrant communities where all are equal and all are welcome.

The Rev. Dr. Richard Topping (W89, W2006).

Recently the Vancouver School of Theology announced the appointment of Richard as its new principal, effective July 1, 2013. Richard's ministry has included a blend of the pastoral and academic. From early years at Zion and Knox Presbyterian churches in Muskoka, Richard moved to Montreal first as assistant minister then senior minister of the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul. During that same time he taught preaching and pastoral theology at Presbyterian College and McGill University. For the past four years Richard has taught history and theology at St. Andrew's Hall, one of the partner institutions to VST. Congratulations, Richard, and continued blessings on your ministry.



From the 1990s

The Rev. Canon Vicars Hodge (W90) recently found himself in the midst of a major and unexpected move. After many years as rector of the Church of the Resurrection in Grand Bay-Westfield, on the outskirts of Saint John in the Diocese of Fredericton, Vicars and Carole found themselves contemplating relocating to the Parish of Trinity Church,

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Sarnia, in the Diocese of Huron. Despite plans to remain in Saint John and retire in a few years, the Hodges powerfully felt called to Trinity, Sarnia, where they have now received a wonderful welcome. Trinity Church is an exciting urban parish in the Anglican evangelical tradition, with a proud history and an exciting future as a lighthouse of the gospel.

The Rev. Sajan Idiculla (W93). Until recently Sajan has been serving as Director of Bishop Moore Vidyapath, Mavelikara in the Indian province of Kerala. He has just recently moved to Muscat, Oman to become vicar of the Church of South India, Muscat.

The Rev. David Phillips (W95).

David is beginning a new ministry as chaplain to Holy Trinity Church, Utrecht and the Anglican Church of Zwolle in the Netherlands, which is part of the Church of England's Diocese of Gibraltar in Europe. The patron of Holy Trinity is the Intercontinental Church Society with an interesting mix of both evangelical and catholic churchmanship. It also provides sacramental ministry to two Dutch congregations of the Catholic Apostolic Church, and supports a part-time chaplaincy to students at the universities in Utrecht.

The Rev. Ian Wetmore (W96).

Ian recently left the Diocese of Fredericton to take up an appointment as Vicar of St. Michael's Episcopal Church, O'Fallon in the Diocese of Springfield, Illinois. Having served in New Brunswick for seventeen years, a move to the St.



Louis area "Biretta Belt" has been a significant change spiritually and culturally. Nevertheless Ian, Cathy, and their daughter Sarah seem to be adjusting well and enjoying their new circumstances!

The Rev. Jenny Andison (W97). A couple of months ago Jenny was appointed rector of St. Clement's Church, Eglinton, Toronto. After nearly eight years as an associate priest at St. Paul's, Bloor Street, and a stint as diocesan officer for mission Jenny is looking forward to an exciting future at St. Clement's. In her spare time Jenny contributed a chapter to John Bowen's recent book *Green Shoots: New Life out of Dry Ground*.

From the 2000s

Dr. Shelley Tidy (W2000) is completing four years at St. Paul's Church, Bloor Street, Toronto, as Pastoral Care Associate. Previously she served as chaplain at the Scarborough General Hospital. In 2008 Shelley earned a Doctor of Ministry degree from Colgate Rochester Divinity School. No doubt six grandchildren keep Shelley and her husband young at heart!

The Rev. Dr. Chris Holmes (W2000 & 2006).

The Holmes family (Chris, Christina, Lillian, Fiona, and Markus) continue to thrive in Dunedin, New Zealand, where Chris teaches systematic theology at the University of Otago. Christina keeps busy with an energetic young family, her sewing projects, and many friends in the church and community.

The Rev. Peter John (W2004) has ministered to the South Sudanese Community Church of Toronto, a



Archdeacons Andrew Chislom & Brad Smith

small but dedicated congregation which meets in St. Olave's Anglican Church in the Swansea district of Toronto.

The Rev. Dr. Sr. Constance Joanna Geffert (W2005)

is currently the interim priest of Christ Church, Oshawa, Ontario, following the **Rev. Dr. Judith Paulsen (W99)**, who has moved to St. Paul's, Bloor Street. In addition to her parish duties, Constance continues to teach as a Wycliffe adjunct faculty member.



The Rev. Thomas Brauer (W2007). After serving for five years in the Diocese of Edmonton, Thomas and his family have moved to Scotland where he is now priest in charge of three congregations of the Scottish Episcopal Church. He has also begun part-time doctoral studies at the University of St. Andrew's, concentrating on theology and photography. Thomas anticipates using the skills in mission cultivated in Edmonton to explore his love for theology and the arts through St. Andrews' Institute for Theology, Imagination and the Arts.

The Rev. Kathleen Buligan (W2007) appears to have mastered the art/science of multi-tasking. She is a deacon at St. Timothy's Church, Agincourt, Toronto, the spiritual caregiver at the Scarborough General Hospital, chairperson of her parish's Outreach Committee, and a Th.D. student at Wycliffe majoring in Old Testament.

The Rev. June K. Mawhinney (W2008) is presently employed as a spiritual care professional at the Princess Margaret Cancer Centre on the Malignant Haematology unit. She has attained specialist status with the Canadian Association for Spiritual Care, and looks forward to further study in her chosen speciality.

From the 2010s

Jordan Pinches (W2010) and Allison Pinches (W2011). Alison Pinches has been working



for InterVarsity Christian Fellowship at the University of Toronto. At the moment she is on maternity leave following the birth of daughter Zoe Jean. Meanwhile Jordan is working on a project to encourage businesses to pursue transcendent purpose and the "new currency" of authenticity. Learn more at www.thepersonalenterpriseproject.com. The Pinches worship at the Church of the Resurrection in East York along with several other folks from Wycliffe.

Jason Ingalls (W2011) and his wife Monique are remaining in Cambridge, England for the next little while.



Monique is about to become a lecturer and research fellow in the university's Faculty of Music. Jason has become Deputy Development Director at Ridley Hall, Cambridge. Hoping for full-time parish ministry, Jason

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will be licensed as a self-supporting curate in the parishes of Cottenham and Rampton in June. In the midst of their work assignments the Ingalls have squeezed in a couple of trips, including a recent excursion to Norway... windy, wet and cold!

David Tigchelaar (W2011).

Since graduation two years ago David has been blessed through working as the Youth and Young Families Ministry Coordinator at St. Peter's Anglican Church, Cobourg, Ontario. Although funding for this project will end this summer, David will have a fresh opportunity to work with Redeemer Ajax – an exciting project led by the **Rev. Ryan Sim (W2006)**, called Redeem the Commute, an online app that connects commuters to the gospel and to each other. Youth ministry remains David's passion and he hopes to continue in it in the time ahead.



The Rev. Chris Dow

(W2012). Wedding bells rang last September 29 for Chris and **Amy Chandy (W2013)**. Chris is now the deacon in charge of the parish of Birch Hills, Kinistino and Muskoday, in the Diocese of Saskatchewan.



Luke LaRocque (W2012)

and his wife Alyssa recently finished a term at Matthew House, Toronto, where they assisted refugees and refugee claimants as they settled in the city. They remain involved in the work as volunteers, and while Luke trains for the fall Marathon. Alyssa will be teaching at Greenwood College School while Luke will work in the theatre industry as a producer and witness. In addition they will find time to train camp staff at Beacon Bible Camp, and then...a baby is due in the fall!



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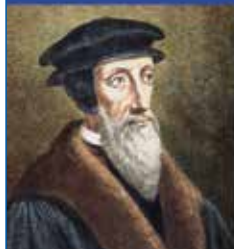
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Rob Henderson
Director of Development

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