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From Wycliffe to Cairo:

Wycliffe Professors invited to teach in the Anglican Diocese of Egypt

WHEN HUSBAND AND WIFE team Rev. Drs. Ephraim Radner and Annette Brownlee were invited to teach theology in Cairo and Alexandria in 2013, they knew they would be stepping into a wake of tension from the Arab Spring of 2011. With the encouragement of the Rt. Rev. Mouneer Anis, Bishop of Egypt, Ephraim and Annette departed Toronto on May 17th, accepting their invitation.

Prof. Radner taught 35 students at a retreat centre in the countryside outside of Cairo. All the diocesan clergy and bishop were present, as well as several Alexandrian School of Theology (AST) students. Further, Prof. Brownlee traveled to the Mediterranean coast to Alexandria to

teach a pastoral elective for seven students enrolled in the AST seminary. She taught this through a translator, Rev. Bagid. She guessed that this experience was the first time a woman had taught a class at the seminary, let alone an ordained woman. There were three women in the class and several men including the Dean of the Cathedral in Cairo, Rev. Samy, who many think will be the next bishop.

During their stay, Egypt was in the middle of its latest elections since 2012. While the days for voting were extended to three, voter turnout remained very low at 46%, lower than the turnout for deposed former president, Mohamed

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Prof. Ephraim and Annette, (left) with Seminary Students at the Alexandria School of Theology



'From Wycliffe to Cairo...' *continued from page 1...*

Morsi. On May 29th, Egyptian army chief Abdel Fattah el-Sisi won a landslide victory with over 93% of the vote. Sisi will have much work to do, as street protests have helped topple two presidents in the past three years and he must contend with a growing Islamic militancy which continues to disrupt the country, its economy and the Christian Church also. Despite this, Prof. Radner says: *"The Christian Church, in general, here is struggling against several years of real difficulty, but proving very strong and faithful. The Anglican Church is growing, and doing wonderful things. The students at their seminary are eager and devoted. We think good things are happening, and that the Lord is at work in powerful ways."*

When the Wycliffe couple returned to Cairo from Alexandria, Prof. Radner preached at All Saints Cathedral and visited with Bishop Mounseer Anis and his wife Nancy, who extended their warm hospitality. Prof. Brownlee said: *"We come away inspired by the energy of the church here, their growth and the good nature and warmth of the people. We would gladly come again if invited"*.

Ephraim Radner is Professor of Historical Theology and Annette Brownlee is Chaplain and Professor of Pastoral Theology at Wycliffe College.

Principal's Message

Dear brothers and sisters,

Greetings in our Lord Jesus Christ.

I recently watched a Youtube video from the early days of Saturday Night Live called 'Five Minute University': everything you will recall from your four years of undergrad, five years later! I hope our grads do better... In this vein, I can profess very little takeaway from my junior high school chemistry course, except those electrons spinning around that nucleus. The latter had the mass to power them forth and keep them from shooting away.

Something similar is true of the Church. The nuclear density of Church of the Body, of the prayers, theology, and discipline of the faithful make it possible for efforts in mission, experimentation, and service to sally forth into the world around them. This has been important in the history of mission: the solidity of the Church Missionary Society made costly and daring efforts on several continents possible. This is also an issue today, when 'context' is on everyone's lips, and there are new ventures in the church's ground-level life. The danger of dispersion, of the centre not holding, is not far away.



At the centre of our life are the disciplines of reflecting on the traditional faith, hearing Scripture first in chapel, then privately, and in class. We encourage spiritual disciplines in our students, and we learn about these disciplines as well from across the world and the denominations.

I hope you will read about some of the exciting and exploratory ventures at the College, social witness, distance teaching, our relation to the Church and Christ, teaching in dangerous times, with this sense of a centre as well. And of course the ultimate centre is the risen Lord Jesus Himself, who is the first and the last in all our ministries, who makes it possible to try new things, to succeed, and fail, and celebrate His empowerment to exert ourselves in both.

Peace,

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

RECENT ORDINATIONS



Top row centre: The Rev. Chris Dow W2012 (Saskatchewan), standing in front of Chris is his wife, Amy Dow W2013



Front row centre: The Rev. Heather Liddell (Edmonton)



Left to right: The Rev. Canon Vicars Hodge W'90, the Rev. Paul Silcox W2012 (Huron), the Rev. David Matthews W2012 (Huron), the Rev. Dr. Glen Taylor



Lauren Miller, Rt. Rev. Rob Hardwick, Wendell Brock W2012 (Qu'Appelle)

[photo credit: Clayton Brock]



Left to right: Fr. Kipling Cooper, Fr. Doug Hayman W86 (Ottawa), Archbishop Prendergast, Monsignor Jeffrey Steenson, Fr. Jim Tilley, Fr. John Hodgins



The Rev. Derwyn Costinak W2011 (Calgary)



Randy Grimes (Toronto for the Holy Cross Priory)



Left to right: Tom Smith (Albany, New York) & Bishop William Love



Left to right: Bishop John Tarrant and Sam Adams W2014 (South Dakota)



Bottom centre: The Rev. Bonnie Dowling W2014 (Rupert's Land)

Save the Date



Upcoming Events

October 8th Communication and Conflict

A workshop with Wanda Malcolm
10am-2pm at Spring Garden Church,
112 Spring Garden Ave, Toronto
For more information: 416 946-3535
ext. 2558 or email wycliffeserves@wycliffe.utoronto.ca

November 7th Preaching Day: Being a Credible Witness in a Skeptical Age

A day of teaching featuring
Dr. Tom Long
10am-8:30pm at Wycliffe College
For more information: 416 946-3535
ext. 2558 or email wycliffeserves@wycliffe.utoronto.ca

November 25th Brown Bag Sabbatical

A day-retreat for clergy with
Sr. Constance Joanna Gefvert
10am-2pm at Wycliffe College
For more information: 416 946-3535
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Wycliffe College Graduating Class of 2014

THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF MINISTRY

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THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF THEOLOGY

Robert John Dean

THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF THEOLOGY

Matthias E. Hartwig

Chandra Wim

Kin Wah Wong

THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF DIVINITY, HONOURS

Bonnie Jessica Dowling

THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF DIVINITY

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Kyong Tac (David) Jeon

Christopher Jonathan Mark
Ketch

Andrew Steven Klinger



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Winston Livingston Wright

Zhaojiang Jiang Xu

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Simon Adam Jien-Wah Beck

THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF RELIGION

Andrew Kenneth Herman
Hubbard

Adam Michael Townsend

Michael Ajit Trick

Samantha Grace Harding

Amit Parasar

Julie Ann Wormald





THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

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Daniel Luke Chornook
Barbara Ann Constable
Matt Garrett Groeneveld
Joshua Chee Leong Khong
Iain Stuart Murray
Catherine Diane Picard
Cory Michael Pytlarz
Kevin Andrew Slous
Jacqueline L. Stewart
Lang Chuen Samson To
Gary Cheuk Kuen Tong
Nathan Brent Wall

THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN THEOLOGY

University of St. Michael's
College
Conferred November 2013
John Christian Clark
Catherine Marie Sider Hamilton
Robert Lewis Knetsch
Sean Andrew Otto
James Edwin Pedlar
Duncan Graham Reid



Class of 2014

THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS IN THEOLOGY

University of St. Michael's
College
Conferred November 2012
David Andrew Graham



HONOURARY DEGREES CONFERRED IN 2014

THE REV. DR. GORDON SMITH Doctor of Divinity (Honoris Causa)

The Rev. Dr. Gordon Smith is President of Ambrose University College and Seminary in Calgary, AB. Through his career he has helped to build up theological schools in the majority world. He received a Doctor of Divinity.



Mr. V. Prem Watsa, His Excellency the
Rt. Hon. David Johnston, Dr. Gordon Smith

HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONOURABLE DAVID JOHNSTON Doctor of Sacred Letters (Honoris Causa)

His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor General of Canada, has always believed that by learning and sharing knowledge, we collectively strengthen our communities, our societies and the world. He received a Doctor of Sacred Letters degree.

V. PREM WATSA Doctor of Sacred Letter (Honoris Causa)

Mr. V. Prem Watsa is CEO and Chairman of Fairfax Financial and Chancellor of the University of Waterloo. He has been a strong example of a person of Christian faith and witness in the business world. He received the Doctor of Sacred Letters.

JAMES PEDLAR W05, APPOINTED ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF WESLEY STUDIES AND THEOLOGY, TYNDALE SEMINARY

James Pedlar has been appointed to an endowed position at Tyndale University and Seminary, established by five Canadian Wesleyan-Holiness denominations (The Brethren in Christ, Free Methodists, Nazarenes, Wesleyans, and Salvation Army). James is now teaching courses that are relevant to the Wesleyan tradition, as well as core courses in Systematic Theology. He also organizes an annual Wesley Studies Symposium at Tyndale, which aims to promote scholarship in the Canadian Wesleyan community.



ALAN HAYES REAPPOINTED DIRECTOR OF TST

During his tenure as Director of TST, Alan Hayes has led TST through a period of significant reviews leading to continued re-accreditation by the Association of Theological Schools. A successful review of TST academic programs was also completed under the University of Toronto's Quality Assurance Process. In addition, TST will soon be in a position to introduce a new conjoint PhD degree in Theology with the University of Toronto, and other program opportunities are being developed. During his tenure there has also been a strengthening of the cooperative work of the member colleges of TST, a reorganization of TST governance, improvements in TST administration, the negotiation of a new Memorandum of Agreement with the University, and the establishment of the Graduate Centre for Theological Studies. Dr. Hayes will provide continuity in the leadership of these important initiatives. In addition to his responsibilities at TST, Dr. Hayes will continue to teach at Wycliffe College and build on his scholarship in the area of Church History.



STUDENT FOCUS

Aidan Armstrong, 1st year M.Div. student

When I first arrived at Wycliffe at the end of summer 2013, I was a wide-eyed and excited 22 year old setting out to start seminary and do my M.Div. The previous year I completed my Bachelor of Theology at Huron College in London Ontario, and was now set to start my M.Div. at Wycliffe as the final leg of my journey in training for the priesthood. Although I was excited, studying at Wycliffe would mean big changes in my life. For starters, this was the first time in my life that I would be setting out on my own away from the comfortable family life that I had always known, and I had to leave behind my job that I had worked at since I was 16 years old. Throughout my undergrad I started to explore a call to the priesthood in the Anglican Church and knew I would eventually have to pick a seminary to do my M.Div. I had many options in front of me, but I very quickly decided I would attend Wycliffe. The

decision was not difficult as I was looking for a place to get a sound orthodox Christian education, so naturally Wycliffe was the place to go. Wycliffe has a lineup of world-class professors, high standards of academic excellence, the most spiritually forming and supportive community, and is on the cutting edge of training priests for the Church in the 21st century! Wycliffe has offered me many wonderful opportunities to grow as an individual and leader; whether it is through work done in Founders' Chapel or the various events that Wycliffe runs throughout the year. I am just as wide-eyed today as I was that first day I entered the College, and I doubt that this feeling will ever end.



STUDENT FOCUS

Rebecca Sawyer, 1st year MTSD student

I have now completed one year at Wycliffe and I am loving it!

I came to Wycliffe having finished an undergraduate degree in International Development Studies and Political Economy at Trent University. In my third year of that program, I was given the opportunity to complete a year abroad in Ghana, West Africa. It was during this year of studying and living development work that I realized how my faith in Christ needed to play an important role in whatever vocation I would pursue in the future. I really felt that I needed to learn more about development from a faith perspective. After talking with a few friends who are graduates of Wycliffe College, I was directed to the MTS in Urban and International Development program. I am so glad that I was led to study here!

What I have found at Wycliffe is not only a program that allows me to apply my faith to my area of study, or one

that gives me practical learning experiences that are incredibly useful, but a community that supports me in the process.

Being in the Pentecostal minority at Wycliffe, it has been such an enriching experience to be able to connect with people from other traditions and learn with each other about our common faith in Christ. From professors who challenge me and care about my spiritual formation and development, to Tuesday evening Taizé and conversations held over "No Frills" lunches, I have found myself growing both academically and spiritually in this first year at Wycliffe.

As I hope to pursue work in development or disaster relief in the future, I know both the knowledge and connections I am making at Wycliffe will help me wherever I may end up. I am excited to continue learning!





First Fruits of the Kingdom

BY REV. DR. PETER ROBINSON, PROFESSOR OF PROCLAMATION, WORSHIP AND MINISTRY

I AM A PK. For those of you not familiar with the acronym it means a preacher's kid. As the son of an evangelical Anglican minister I grew up with an insider's knowledge of the church which meant I knew more than I should regarding the tension, contradiction and hypocrisy which finds its way into the church.

At University I became involved in a parachurch organization where the emphasis on the faith of the individual went hand in hand with an understanding of the church as an optional extra to the individual's walk with Jesus. Somewhere along my journeying of studying theology I began to realize that my assumption that the life of the church was, at best, a helpful aid to my 'personal' relationship with Jesus simply didn't make sense. I began to see that perceiving the church simply as a resource for the Christian life only revealed how thoroughly I had been shaped by the cultural presupposition of radical autonomy. Unconsciously, I had bought into the temptation to privatize or spiritualize the Christian life so that my relationship to the visible church was merely a complement to the inner union with Christ. Gradually, I began to grow into an understanding that it was *only* in the context of the church that I could come to know Jesus and live the Christian life.

Towards the end of my degree in theology I had dinner with some friends, one of whom had grown up in the Catholic church, and as a result of his own experience in the church had become vehemently opposed to the institutional church. Somehow over dinner our conversation moved towards discussing the church and culture. Another person at the table quietly warned me that I had better be careful about what I said if I didn't want to have my arguments demolished by the former Catholic who had thought through these issues in much greater depth than I had. Fortunately, the heated argument envisioned never happened and

the conversation moved on to more convivial topics. Nonetheless, it was a reminder to me that there are many reasons why people would want to challenge too strong an identification between the church and Christ. Not the least of which is the fact that the church's track record reminds us that it is far from perfect.

So, on the one hand we need to be careful not to draw a sharp distinction between the church and Jesus lest we simply reinforce the destructive tendency towards a privatization or spiritualization of the Christian life. On the other hand, too strong an identification between the church and Christ can lend too much authority to the church (an authority which can and has been abused in all sorts of different ways) as well as leading to some confusion over how a sinful community is to be directly identified with God. As Lesslie Newbigin observed; 'The ultimate problem of the church, the seat of the perplexity which surrounds all systematic thought about it, is the fact that it is at once holy and sinful.' (Newbigin, 1953) P. 56

That brings us to the fourth of the missional statements and the relationship between the church and God's mission in the world: *The church prays to the Father saying "your kingdom come!" She thereby acknowledges that she is not the kingdom, but only its "firstfruits" (James 1:15). Nor is any political, cultural, or social movement to be identified with the kingdom, however much we may find this or that cause to be worthy of our devotion. All cultures and ideologies are subject to the measure of Christ's truth.*

This thesis focuses on the relationship between the church and the kingdom yet implicitly it raises the same questions we have already been exploring. Just as we struggle to affirm the relationship between Christ and his church so we have to struggle to know how to speak of the relationship of that church to God's kingdom. How we do this has a fundamental effect on our understanding of mission and the place or role of mission in bringing about God's kingdom. In the 20th century, hand in hand with a renewed interest in mission there was a concern to distinguish between the kingdom of God and the church. This concern was rooted in a loss of confidence in the church for all kinds of reasons including some of those I have already described. Few have been so directly and eloquently critical of the church as Hoekendijk, who argued that the church at best played a minor and temporary role in the relationship between God and the world. Many others have followed his lead in making a clear distinction between the church and the kingdom of God.

On the positive side, affirming a distinction between the church and the kingdom of God allows for the *already not yet* nature of the church to remind the church that the kingdom is a future reality and the church itself is always 'on the way'. The church is always in need of repentance and conversion. It also reminds the church that the realization of the kingdom belongs to God and will not be a result of our efforts. That the kingdom is God's work prompts the church to remember that it

must always point to Christ and not to itself as it proclaims the gospel. However, as the fourth mission thesis affirms there is indeed a vital and important relationship between the church and the kingdom because it is the 'first fruits' of the kingdom. There is a coherence between the church and the kingdom but it is a coherence that is grounded in Christ, whose body is the church and who is the agent who has brought and will bring about his kingdom. We cannot detach the church from the kingdom just as we cannot isolate the church from Christ because neither exists apart from Christ.

This discussion brings us to a practical question or tension which we all face: in what way are we involved with God's kingdom work? On the one hand without some sense that the kingdom is present and the confidence that we can see and be involved in it, it can be easy to spiritualize it and eventually lose any incentive to be involved in the work of the kingdom. On the other hand the belief that it is our job to bring in the kingdom lays a heavy burden on our shoulders and may result in an inappropriate identification of the kingdom with our own pet projects or endeavours with an increasing inability to recognize that the coming of the kingdom always rests with God and God's work in the world. So, as the body of Christ we work towards the coming of the kingdom just as we pray to the Father 'your kingdom come' because we hope for the kingdom and our confidence in its coming is grounded in what we have seen and know of Jesus Christ.

During the Fall 2013 academic term, Wycliffe faculty were asked to write about themes in Mission in Wycliffe's weekly 'Morning Star' newsletter. The Rev. Dr. Peter Robinson, Professor of Proclamation, Worship and Ministry offered his Thesis #4. To read all of the theses, please visit our website at www.wycliffecollege.ca and click on the link to Publications.

FOR YOUR SUMMER READING!

JOE MANGINA, PROFESSOR OF SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY



Deborah Moggach, *These Foolish Things* (London: Chatto and Windus, 2004). The novel on which the movie *Best Exotic Marigold Hotel* was based. As usual, the book is better. A very funny and touching novel about aging, mortality, and much more.



MARION TAYLOR, PROFESSOR OF OLD TESTAMENT



Kathleen O'Connor, *Jeremiah: Pain and Promise* (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2011) sheds fresh light on the complex yet beloved book of Jeremiah. Using the lens of trauma and disaster studies, O'Connor not only helps us understand a book written during a period of great disruption, displacement and pain, but also draws us closer to understanding God and God's care for us.



JOHN BOWEN, DIRECTOR OF WYCLIFFE SERVES! AND THE INSTITUTE OF EVANGELISM



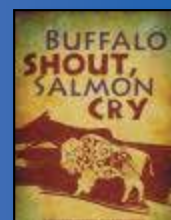
Marilyn Gear Pilling, *The Roseate Spoonbill of Happiness* (Toronto: Boheme Press, 2002). As well as being a prize-winning poet and short story writer, Marilyn is also a coffee-shop friend, based in Hamilton, ON. These stories, most set in small town Ontario, explore family dynamics, life and death, love and alienation, and the nature of spirituality in post-Christian Canada. They are by turns winsome, intriguing, vivid, funny, thought-provoking, and moving—especially "Strawberry Hill" and "Heading for the Millennium: Seven Easter Stories."



DAVID KUPP, PROFESSOR OF PASTORAL THEOLOGY IN URBAN AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT



Steve Heinrichs, ed., *Buffalo Shout, Salmon Cry: Conversations on Creation, Land Justice, and Life Together* (Waterloo, ON: Herald Press, 2013). There is something ingenious – and inclusive – about this book. It communicates a difficult and complex subject in ways that challenge, engage, give pause and warm the heart, whether we come to the text as European settlers, or indigenous peoples. We encounter history, theology, poetry, sketches and reflections. We cannot leave this book without being unsettled, disturbed, even angry.



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Founders' Day Memorial Lecture

Sam Blake versus the Church Establishment

BY: TOM POWER

THE FIRST FOUNDERS' DAY MEMORIAL lecture will be held at Wycliffe College on **Wednesday, October 1, 2014**. The speaker will be the Rev. Canon Dr. Alan Hayes, Bishops Frederick and Heber Wilkinson Professor of Church History, and recently re-appointed the Director of the Toronto School of Theology.

Samuel Hume Blake (1835-1914) was the principal founder of several institutions that still flourish today, including Wycliffe College and Blake, Cassels and Graydon LLP, Canada's sixth largest law firm. He

was also the forebear of an Academy Award-nominated actor. Passionate in his Christian faith, fervently loyal to what he understood to be essential Anglican principles, and gifted with controversial skills and an acerbic tongue, he was a thorn in the side of the Church establishment for several decades. What was his impact on the Church of England in Canada, both for good and for ill? What can we learn from him?

For the answers to these and other questions, join us for this special event and learn more about the history of Wycliffe College.



Alan Hayes has taught church history at Wycliffe since 1975, when he completed his Ph.D. in religious studies at McGill University, Montreal. His teaching and research specializations include Anglicanism, Canadian Protestantism, early Christianity, Reformation, and historiography.

TRIP TO ISRAEL FEBRUARY 11-23, 2015

Dr. Marion Taylor of Wycliffe College invites you to join her on a unique study program to the Holy Land from February 11-23, 2015. In association with Dr. Steven Notley of Emmaus Educational Services, this program centres upon the lives and ministries of familiar Old Testament and New Testament personalities. With the land as our classroom, with archaeology, history, geography, language and culture as our resources, we will journey back into the religious, political, cultural and geographical environment of prophets, priests and kings. Jesus' ministry within a complex religious environment is of special interest. Our aim is to better understand the influences and the impact of the biblical record within its various contexts. We anticipate a rich and rewarding program. Our goal is to search the Scriptures, break bread together and fellowship in travel, that we also might proclaim, "Did not our hearts burn within us as He spoke to us on the way?" (Luke 24:32) For more information please see website: www.emmausonline.net (click on link: Dr. Marion Taylor Group)



A WORD OF THANKS

As we see governments at every level reducing their provision for even essential infrastructure, it comes as no surprise that each year some aspect of educational support is clawed back from Ontario schools. Aware that our graduates are not in a position to manage high debt loads, Wycliffe seeks creative ways to avoid passing these costs along to our students. Indeed we monitor these debt loads, with a view to increasing our bursary and other financial aid whenever we can.

To achieve this, we manage our costs very closely while recognizing the need to properly maintain our heritage buildings and to deliver a first class educational experience through the talents of an exceptional faculty. We know that the purpose of our work is to produce the leaders of the wider church that will carry the Gospel into an increasingly secular world.

The Board has endorsed investments in technology to allow new strategies in communication to reach out to an increasingly tech oriented generation. We are positioning Wycliffe as a culturally attractive venue for Christian students from around the world.



Peter Patterson
Business Director



Rob Henderson
Director of Development

The Wycliffe Trustees and the treasury will continue to watch diligently over all the College's resources, including your own financial gifts to us.

Thank you very much for helping us provide the certainty to our students of a place which will spiritually nourish them during their education and preparation for ministry. Your support makes a difference in a student's life every day. It will also make a difference in the church of tomorrow.



REFRESH 2014: A LAUNCHING PAD FOR WYCLIFFE SERVES!

BY: JOHN BOWEN

In early May, seventy-five people gathered at the college for this year's Refresh! conference. There have been several Refresh! conferences in the past, but this one was unique, marking the official launch of Wycliffe Serves!—the new department which oversees all the external ministries of the College.

Eight workshops showcased a sample of the ministries Wycliffe Serves! offers—from children's ministry (with Val Michaelson) to making good use of aging church properties (Steve Shaw), and from conflict resolution (Wanda Malcolm) to Messy Church (Sue and Andy Kalbfleisch). Our hope is that as word gets out that Wycliffe Serves! offers an inspiring and practical range of ministries, we will receive invitations for workshops and conferences to be offered in churches around the country.



Dr. Philip Jenkins



In some ways, the Wycliffe Serves! workshops were the focus of the conference. However, two plenary speakers added thought-provoking and important perspectives on current trends in Christian thought: Gordon Smith (from Ambrose University College and Seminary in Calgary) spoke on Pentecostal, Evangelical and Sacramental; and Philip Jenkins (from Baylor University in Texas) spoke on Christianity in the World City. Both lectures will resonate in attendees' minds for a long time.

For more information, please visit www.wycliffeserves.ca

Master of Theological Studies Degree Now Available Entirely Online

BY TOM POWER

WYCLIFFE COLLEGE IS PLEASED to announce that the Master of Theological Studies degree will be available entirely online starting the fall of 2014 for those who are distant from Toronto. The degree can be completed part-time over eight years or less.

We will offer three online courses every semester including the summer months (May to August). We have flexible start times in September, January, or April/May. Courses are a combination of required and elective courses, reflect the range of theological disciplines, and are taught by our regular and adjunct faculty. Our online courses typically include readings, class notes, video, audio, discussion forums, and online submission of assignments.

The MTS degree is designed for those who are seeking a general introduction to Christian scholarship and a deepening of the theological foundations of their faith. It

is awarded conjointly with the University of Toronto. It can be used as preparation for more advanced study.

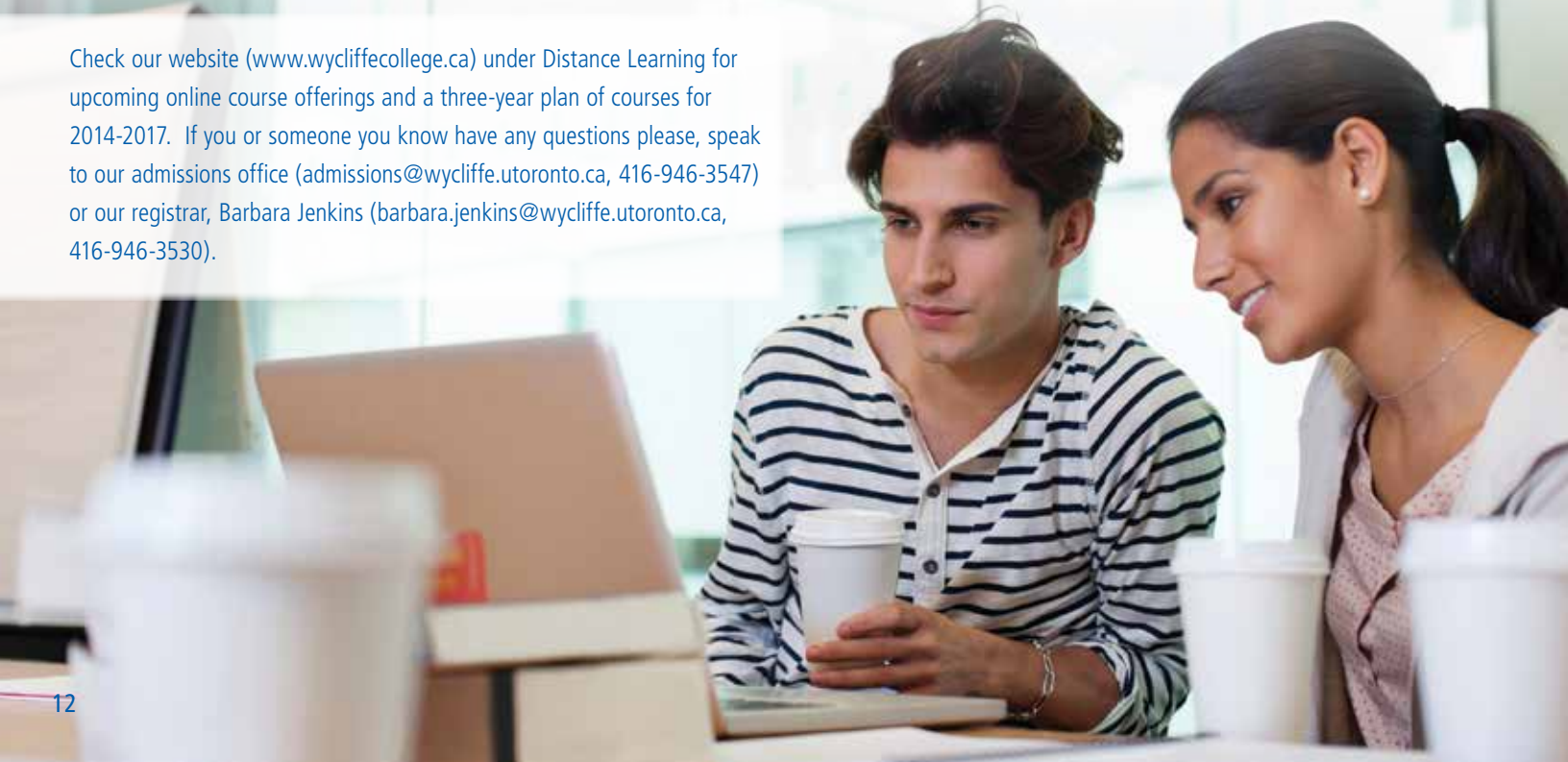
Wycliffe seeks to offer flexibility and optionality in its course offerings in order to accommodate student needs. For those not interested in completing a degree fully online, other learning options are available. These include combining online learning with select onsite classes. In addition, there are one-week intensive courses offered in April-May or late August. Also, in certain cases, our technology enabled classroom allows students to participate in onsite classes from a distance. In the M.Div. program, up to a year or more of required courses can be taken online prior to coming to Toronto for a year of residence. Finally, as an occasional student you can simply take a course that interests you.

Faculty and students alike are embracing the new potential of distance learning. Recently, Joe Mangina, professor of systematic

theology, while attending a theological conference at Baylor University in Waco, Texas, found himself grounded because of a major storm. As a result he could not make it back to Toronto to teach his Monday class. Wycliffe's new state-of-the-art, technology-equipped classroom to the rescue! He was able to link to the class in Toronto remotely. He says of the experience: "I was able to deliver a lecture and field questions from students using my laptop, without leaving my hotel room in Waco. I was grateful to have the remote option available."

For students, distance learning is making a real difference in their theological education. Among many positive evaluations from students, one commented recently: "I sincerely appreciate the college making this class available online. I otherwise would not have been able to further my education, which I desperately desire to do. I will continue with my education because Wycliffe has made it readily available to me."

Check our website (www.wycliffecollege.ca) under Distance Learning for upcoming online course offerings and a three-year plan of courses for 2014-2017. If you or someone you know have any questions please, speak to our admissions office (admissions@wycliffe.utoronto.ca, 416-946-3547) or our registrar, Barbara Jenkins (barbara.jenkins@wycliffe.utoronto.ca, 416-946-3530).



Wycliffe Alumni/ae Day

On Tuesday, May 13th Alumni/ae travelled from near and as far away as Saskatoon to gather for the Wycliffe Alumni/ae Association's Annual General Meeting and Alumni/ae Day. We welcomed almost 50 graduates, and a few who celebrated significant graduation anniversaries: the Rev. Canon Howard Green celebrated his 60th anniversary and the Rev. Ian Nichols celebrated his 50th year of graduation.

The Rev. Canon Kim Beard was presented with **The Archdeacon Harry St. Clair Hilchey Award for Distinguished Service.**

The Association honoured the Rev. Nick Brotherwood with Honorary Alumnus Membership status.



Left to right: Principal George Sumner and Mrs. Barbara Beard accepting the Archdeacon Harry St. Clair Hilchey Award on behalf of her husband, The Rev. Canon Kim Beard.



Alumni/ae NEWS

Greetings from Wycliffe

– by Bishop Peter Mason, Editor



Twice each year I look forward to receiving snippets of a wide variety of the personal journeys of some of our graduates. This collection is no exception, as a broad range of individuals and their ministries are presented here. Enjoy catching up with some of your fellow alumni/ae.

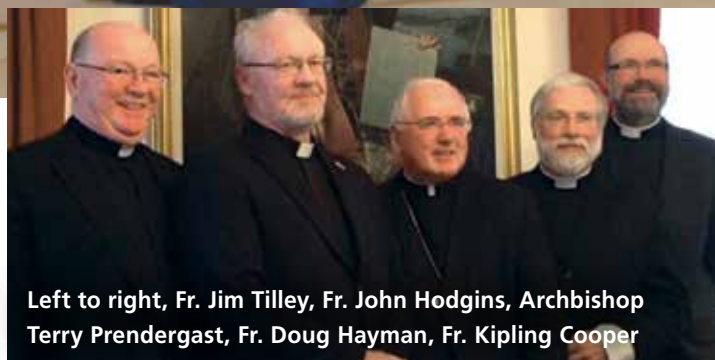
ALUMNI/AE ASSOCIATION WELCOME BACK BBQ

Thursday, Sept. 4, 2014, Wycliffe College, Toronto

If you plan to be in Toronto on Thursday September 4th, 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.



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Left to right, Fr. Jim Tilley, Fr. John Hodgins, Archbishop Terry Prendergast, Fr. Doug Hayman, Fr. Kipling Cooper

Alumni/ae Updates

From the 1950s

The Rev. John Yamane, W57, writes from his home in Osaka, Japan: At age 86 he continues his ministry at the AINOSO Home of assisted living, where some ninety people live together. John attends to them on Sundays and at midweek activities. Most of the residents are too old and incapacitated to walk, and therefore need individuals such as John to assist. As John's own strength wanes, he nevertheless continues to listen attentively to the voice of the Lord.

The Rev. Peter Niblock, W 58. Peter continues his several retirement projects, including the compilation of a database of all Anglican clergy who have ever served in the provinces of British Columbia and the Yukon. He delights in the appointment of Dr. Richard Topping, W 06 as Principal of the Vancouver School of Theology, and thinks often of the Wycliffe grads – past and present – attached to the Diocese of New Westminster. Another of Peter's retirement avocations is writing poetry. Anyone wishing a copy of his recent poem and accompanying hymn may obtain them from the Wycliffe Development Office.

From the 1980s

The Venerable Terry Leer, W82. Last November Terry was appointed the first Archdeacon for Mission Development for the Diocese of Athabasca. This new position was created and implemented after lengthy consultation within the diocese and in partnership with the bishop. The Leers left the Parish of Christ Church, Grande Prairie, and moved to Peace River, AB, where the daunting task of launching a new work is well under way. Meanwhile Terry's wife Elaine, having left a thriving career as a teacher in a Christian school, has found an interim position with the Peace River School Division. In the midst of these upheavals the Leers are preparing for the birth of their first grandchild.

The Rev. Doug Hayman, W86.

Doug's personal and ministerial journey has taken him and his family along a lengthy path towards spiritual fulfilment. Ordained in

1986 Doug served in several parishes in the Dioceses of Ottawa and Ontario; in 1994 he entered the Anglican Catholic Church of Canada, Traditional Anglican Communion. Then in 2012 he was received into the Roman Catholic Church, in anticipation of ordination under the provision made by Pope Benedict XVI. After more than a year of preparation Doug was ordained first a deacon then a priest at the end of 2013, by the Roman Catholic Archbishop Terrence Prendergast, of Ottawa. Doug notes that the latter ordination included four married former Anglican clergy, all now serving within the Roman Catholic Church. Recently Doug has been appointed rector of the Church of the Annunciation, Ottawa, and continues as chaplain and faculty member of St. Augustine College, Ottawa. He and his wife Carolyn recently celebrated 25 years of marriage, and enjoy watching their two children move through the ranks of college and university. Blessings Doug and Carolyn!

The Rev. Peter Armstrong, W89. Peter writes from his home in Stellarton, Nova Scotia, that his Doctor of Ministry work is almost completed and eagerly awaits final confirmation by his supervisors. Patience, Peter... we look forward to congratulating you at next year's Convocation!

From the 1990s

The Rev. Canon John Cathcart, W94, plans to retire in a few months, leaving his parish of Marysville in the Diocese of Fredericton. Can it be possible that over twenty years have elapsed since Barber John used to cut the former Wycliffe Principal's hair in his second floor dorm room? Over his two decades of ordained ministry John has



served as Warden of Lay Readers, as a hospital Chaplain, and as the Fredericton City Police chaplain. John and his wife Phyllis will be moving to St. Catharines, Ontario to be closer to their family. Phyllis will surely be equally missed, having served as executive secretary to no less than four bishops in the Diocese of Fredericton. The Cathcarts give thanks for the many blessings they have received, and eagerly anticipate the next chapter of their ministry.

From the 2000's

The Rev. Lyn Youll

Marshall, W01, Lyn has moved back and forth across the US border in recent years, and is now established in Warrenton, Virginia, where she is Priest Associate at St. James' Episcopal Church. As well as her parish responsibilities, Lyn is able to focus her attention on rose gardening and undertaking the 30 day Ignatian Spiritual Exercises program. Her husband Paul continues to write and lecture widely on religious freedom. A few months ago they were in Rome where they shared in a private audience of about thirty people with Pope Francis.



Ms Barbara Patterson, W03. An active member of the Parish of Christ Church St. James in the Diocese of Toronto, Barbara coordinates the monthly "Messy Church" program, facilitates a "Baby Play" program based on bible story themes in conjunction with the Public Library, and holds workshops on how to talk with children about their family member's mental illness.

The Rev. Sr. Constance Joanna Gefvert, W05

(Hon). Formerly the Superior of the Sisters of St. John the Divine, and now an ordained priest of the Diocese of Toronto, Sr. Constance is currently the interim priest at Christ Memorial Church in Oshawa, where she is learning to appreciate contemporary worship music. She continues to teach at Wycliffe in the area of contemplative prayer and is a member of the diocesan postulancy committee. In her "spare time"



Alumni/ae Updates continued...

Sr. Constance plays keyboard for services at the Convent, and works with Wycliffe Professor John Bowen designing the "Brown Bag Sabbaticals" program. She writes... "Life is full and I'm grateful for the life-giving and varied ministry God has given me."

Dr. John Stewart, W09,

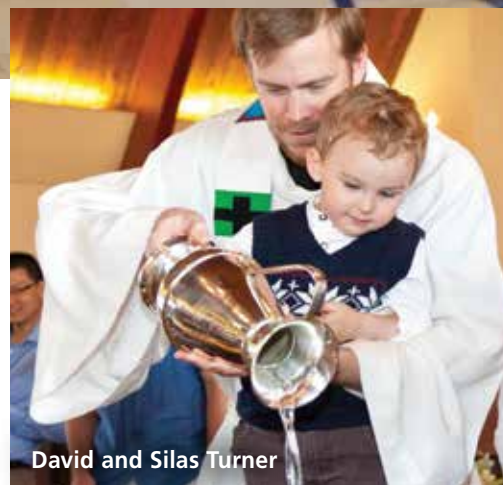
John is Professor Emeritus in the University of New Brunswick. Since graduating from Wycliffe in 2009 with a Master of Theological Studies degree, he has served as chairperson of the Board of Trustees at Acadia Divinity School in Wolfville, Nova Scotia. He has participated in three mission trips, two in India and one to Guatemala. He continues to teach part time as an administrator of a UNB program in Counselling Psychology being taught in Malawi, Africa, and most recently taught a course in spiritual formation and leadership in Hong Kong. The Stewarts are active members of their Baptist church in Fredericton where they enjoy their six grandchildren and their parents.



the parishes of St. Christopher's, Richmond Hill and St. Cuthbert's, Leaside, in the Diocese of Toronto. With mixed emotions David and his wife Kate recently chose to follow a call back home to the Maritimes. David is now the rector of the Parish of Hampton in the Diocese of Fredericton, a ministry opportunity which, due to the faithfulness of the people and their eagerness to grow and glorify God, causes David to be increasingly thankful day by day.

The Rev. Simon Davis, W 12 and Mrs. Ashley Davis, W12.

Ashley is completing her first year as a guidance counsellor and English teacher in a high school in Richmond Hill, Ontario. She and Simon have served at Trinity Church, Streetsville, where Simon has been director of small groups and congregational care. Along with their dog Indy, Simon and Ashley are moving back to Toronto where Simon will take up his new appointment as Assistant Curate at St. James Cathedral, following ordination to the diaconate.



David and Silas Turner

The Rev. Chris Dow, W12 and Amy Dow, W 13. Chris is pastor of the Anglican Parish of Birch Hills-Kinistini-Muskoday in the Diocese of Saskatchewan. Among Chris's recent challenges was officiating at his first wedding! Amy assists with some preaching and leading music, and is in conversation with their bishop about the possibility of ordination for her. "We love it here and would encourage others to consider coming here, where there is a real need for priests... Some might find it challenging and it may not have the luxuries of living in a city, but it's a great opportunity to lay down one's life and follow the way of the cross." Amen Chris and Amy.

From the 2010's

The Rev. David Turner, W2010. After graduation and ordination David served in

WE REMEMBER THOSE ALUMNI "CALLED HOME" IN 2013-2014

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Mr. Paul Tyler Barnes Class of '73, The Rev. Edith Bell Class of '78

Mrs. Margaret Boomer Class of '58, Mrs. Elizabeth Capon Class of 2012

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The Rev. Dr. Norman Martin Class of '60, Mr. A. Ross Mitchell, Trustee

The Rev. Kenneth Scott Class of '52, Mrs. Patricia Rooke, Widow of Alumnus

The Rev. Canon Dr. Versey Wigmore Class of '41

*'...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



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Do you have any old photos or negatives of Wycliffe College from both inside and outside, that you would like to share with us? We would also welcome photos with individuals if they also show rooms inside the College. Our building supervisor is very interested in viewing photos to help during ongoing maintenance and renovations at the College and these photos are very helpful. We would return any photos or negatives after they have been scanned.

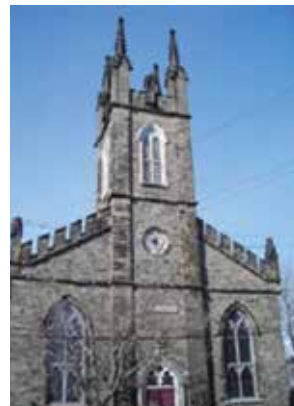
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