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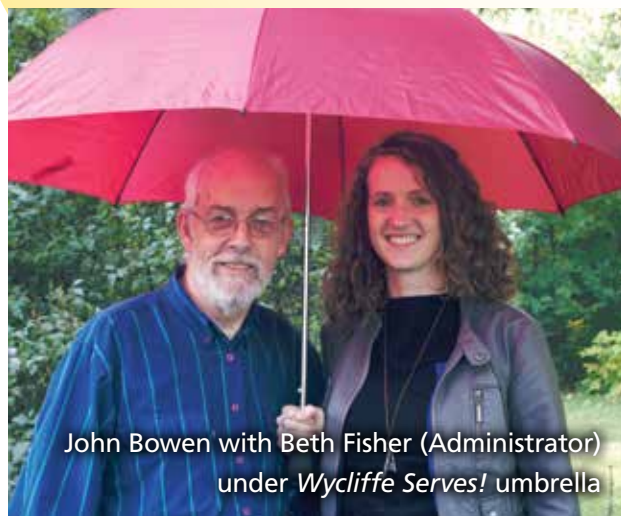
BY KAREN STILLER

Wycliffe Serves! is a new initiative launched this fall by Wycliffe College to strengthen the Canadian Church for mission. *Wycliffe Serves!* builds a bridge between the seminary and the Church by empowering and equipping churches from coast to coast with the resources of Wycliffe College. Insight magazine (IM) spoke to John Bowen (JB), Director of *Wycliffe Serves!* and Wycliffe's Institute of Evangelism, about what the Canadian Church can expect from this new initiative.

IM: John, what's behind *Wycliffe Serves!* and what can churches expect?

JB: Seminaries are by nature introverted. Churches send their bright young people to seminary and, at the end of three years, the Church receives a "final product." But we don't think that is enough. *Wycliffe Serves!* is helping an introverted seminary turn extroverted. We have resources for present church leaders as well as future ones.

Wycliffe has always done some of these things. For example, we do an annual preaching day that aims to help sharpen skills of ministers currently in the pulpit. We host a high school program called *Arise* during March Break. And of course, the Institute of Evangelism has been serving the Church for over twenty years.



John Bowen with Beth Fisher (Administrator)
under *Wycliffe Serves!* umbrella

But now we are gathering all these resources, plus a number of new ones, and bringing them under one cohesive umbrella. And (to mix metaphors) that umbrella is actually a bridge between Wycliffe College and the Canadian Church. All of these things will have a greater impact this way.

IM: Should we assume that *Wycliffe Serves!* is primarily for Anglican churches?

JB: No, not at all. Although Wycliffe College is sometimes perceived as more Anglican than evangelical, we are, of course, both. This initiative will help our partnerships with non-Anglican organizations and churches as well as those within the Anglican community. Partnership will be a big theme in what we offer, because what we are offering can help empower any church of any denomination, their lay people and their clergy.

IM: What are you most excited about?

JB: *Wycliffe Serves!* will strengthen the mission of the Church. I look forward to seeing clergy be encouraged and strengthened. We will re-hearten leaders. I expect congregations will grow in a missional outlook, and more fully engage in Christ's mission in Canada. This is a good thing, and the right thing to be doing right now.

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Principal's Word

ELSEWHERE IN THIS ISSUE MY FRIEND and our chair Doug Milloy offers excessively kind words about my being in my 15th year as Principal. It doesn't take advanced math to realize that I am in late middle age, or as my son, Sam, likes to say, early old age. In this regard I have been thinking recently of the great psychiatrist Erik Erikson's *Childhood and Society*, in which he lays out the tasks for each phase of our lives. Those of us in late middle age are supposed to be at work on "generativity," in which our egos find their satisfaction as the next generation rises, as we act as mentors and guides, as we hand the baton off. When we fail at this task, we keep our grip firmly on the baton and see our rising successors as a threat. Getting this kind of stuff right is what the Old Testament calls *chochmah*, or wisdom.

I am all for younger professors, and we do need, in the coming years to start to bring in a new generation of scholars and teachers. Even so, there is something essentially generative about the educational task in general and its theological expression in particular. I once heard it said that the rabbis were gratified when one of their students challenged his arguments, even when he debated with "the old man" and prevailed. Then the rabbi knew that his art was being passed on. A theological college needs enough distance, enough time, to allow the art to be conveyed, and the leadership exchanged.

Our student body is young, impressive, energetic, different in style and mood to what I recall of theological college in the late 1970s. We need to hand off and give room. But what we hand off is also the "faith once delivered to the saints." What we are up to is initiation into Christian disciplines of reflection and practice.

So I invite you to read and enjoy this edition. And for a moment, as you do so, concentrate not on what the writers and subjects are saying and doing, but who they are. And consider them under the rubric of "generativity." They are a bright, new, impressive generation. They are mentors in the wisdom of late middle age handing off and cheering on. In the power of the Holy Spirit Wycliffe College has the gift to reinvent itself in a new generation, and not to change at all, at the same time, for which we give thanks.

May you have a blessed Christmas.

Peace,

A handwritten signature in white ink, reading "George Sumner". The signature is stylized and cursive.

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

From the Registrar's Office

BY BARBARA JENKINS



Wycliffe College continues to experience healthy recruitment. In September we welcomed sixty new Basic Degree and twenty Advanced Degree students. A total of 80 new members of the Wycliffe community, hard on the heels of the 50 who graduated in May 2013 or in November 2012.

When asked by the ATS Entering Students Questionnaire how they first learned about Wycliffe, over 70% of students reported that this was from a graduate, pastor, religious supervisor, friend, or from a current student. We are grateful to all our alumni/ae and current students for our continuing recruitment success.

Within the new class of 2013 we have representation from more than 50 denominations and 14 different countries. This diversity makes this a truly vibrant community of learning.

Amongst the Basic Degree students, we have 22 new M.Div. students, including seven in the Pioneer Stream. The majority of these are Anglican or Episcopalian.

Within the M.T.S. program there are 17 additional students including 6 in the Urban and International Development Stream and another three who will begin their studies in January.

We continue to attract high calibre students to our Advanced Degree programs including the Doctor of Theology (ThD) program. This year, 56% of the entering ThD class are Canadian. The average of the three, prior year's intake was 42% Canadian.

This is a hopeful trend with the inauguration of the conjoint PhD program in 2015 and its focus on domestic students.

Amongst the entering cohort of Doctor of Ministry (DMin) students beginning their program this summer through the Toronto School of Theology, 50% are Wycliffe students. Certainly a record in recent history!

This term, continuing from last year's exchange experience, Heather Liddell, a second year M.Div. student from Alberta swapped Wycliffe classes for Trinity Theological College in Singapore. Wycliffe also began a new initiative by offering one course at St. Margaret's in Winnipeg where we have a class of eight students studying Anglican Theology with David Widdicombe and Ephraim Radner. Next term there will be an opportunity to study Systematic Theology with David and Joseph Mangina and two more offerings are in the planning stage for next academic year.

A community as rich as this provides many opportunities to experience and be thankful for the celebrations of life: birthdays, births, marriages, and ordinations. There are times when the community also needs to be caring and supportive. This term in particular there are many Wycliffe students facing serious health challenges or recovering from operations and we pray for a full recovery to health and look forward to seeing them resume their studies.

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IM: Some of what *Wycliffe Serves!* offers is already happening at Wycliffe, like the clergy preaching days you mentioned. What new things can we expect to see?

JB: Children's religious education is one of the newer workshops we are offering. We'd like to do workshops for urban churches. I would like us to address the wide swath of ministry in the city. I'm imagining a brown bag sabbatical a couple of times a year, a day for clergy to set aside for spiritual refreshment.

Education and training for lay leaders will increase. Offering courses off-campus is a long-term dream we are moving toward.

We will also look at spiritual formation in the church setting. Right now we are investigating who is doing evangelistic preaching and adult education in the Church through programs like Alpha, Christianity 101 and so on. Knowing that will help us know better how we can come alongside and help.

IM: What is the most important thing you want friends of Wycliffe to know about *Wycliffe Serves!*

JB: I suppose that bridges work both ways. Even as we bring top-notch Wycliffe resources to the Church, we will be gaining knowledge from the Church about what the most pressing issues are, and closer contact with churches will help us keep our feet on the ground. So we will all be learning, growing and benefiting.

IM: So when is *Wycliffe Serves!* being officially launched?

JB: Well, we have already had our "soft launch," with a preaching day in October. And there will be other such events in the next few months. But we are planning as our "hard launch" a new kind of *Refresh!* Conference after convocation in May, with a plenary speaker and then workshops featuring a variety of our *Wycliffe Serves!* ministries and leaders to showcase the kind of resources we are offering. Stay tuned. It's going to be great!

Two Flights North of Thunder Bay

BY BEN ROBINSON

THIS SUMMER, AS I FLEW towards Kingfisher Lake, a small First Nations community two one-hour flights north of Thunder Bay, I wasn't really expecting it to be that different. I was expecting it to be like other rural places I've been, just with different people. But when I got there, I realized I was wrong. It was very different.

By the end of the week though, I could see that we had something in common with the people in the area. They had gathered at the Bible camp to worship and learn about God, and that was the reason my father was teaching there. We had come from far away, and so had some of them by boat, plane and car. They had families waiting for them, and neighborhoods that they lived in back home, just like us. We prayed before meals, even though it was in Ojibwe-Cree. On Sunday we went to church. I recognized hymns that we sang in English, and the bishop translated parts of the service into Ojibwe-Cree. At the camp, when my father was teaching, I sometimes played with Joe, Archdeacon Ruth's grandson. I realized that as brothers in Christ we had something hugely in common, which shaped our lives, yet the respective environments in which we lived were so different that we were not the same in that respect. His entire life so far had been spent



in the small town of Kingfisher Lake, with his family, while mine had been spent in three different places around Ontario. My experiences in the world were vastly different than his, and that had shaped how I lived, but despite all the cultural and geographical differences Christ had brought us together.

Part way into the trip, I realized how much work the people who organized this camp had put into it. Every year they need to completely

refurbish the camp for visitors, bring all the food over by boat and other, heavier supplies over ice roads many months earlier. Steven, who owned a boat, spent the week during camp ferrying people across many times a day. Steven dedicated a lot of his time to working on this camp. It reminded me of Ontario Pioneer Camp (OPC) and how the leaders stayed there, earning only \$40 a week because they love Christ and want to help others learn about Him.

Upon reflecting on my stay at Kingfisher Lake, I realized that I had met people who had made sacrifices for this camp, because they love Christ so much. I really enjoyed this chance to see and experience a different culture, and I want to go back again.



Ben is the son of
Prof. Peter Robinson



UPGRADES IN TEACHING TECHNOLOGY

Until recently, Wycliffe's West Lecture Room was a bare classroom with small desks and chalkboard walls. Now the classroom boasts state-of-the-art technology, complete with modern furniture, carpet and a suite of advanced educational technology.



Robotic Camera

Faculty can now record any lecture, seminar or meeting with just a few clicks of the mouse. Audio and video of students within our classroom is transformed into a high definition internet video requiring only a web browser and a link to view from home, and more applications are being developed.



Touch Screen

ARISE AT WYCLIFFE COLLEGE

"What are you doing over March Break?" It is a common question asked at high schools around the GTA every year. For a handful of students over the last two years there has been an uncommon answer: "I am going to Arise at Wycliffe College for a week of learning, investigating and exploring what my place in God's world might be." And, for those whose answer is Arise, they experience an incredible week at Wycliffe exploring the halls, sitting in the classrooms, worshipping in the chapel, and living in the dorms.

Arise is a uniquely designed program for high schoolers in grades 11 and 12 that seeks to train future leaders of the Church by helping them find their place in God's world. Arise 2014 will be held March 10-14, 2014. If someone you know would like to attend, please be in touch arise.wycliffe@gmail.com

Gayle Doornbos is a doctoral candidate at Wycliffe and Coordinator of Arise



Save the Date

Peace in the City Colloquium
February 19-21, 2014

Hosted by *Wycliffe Serves!* in partnership with World Vision Canada at Wycliffe College

Wycliffe Open House
March 1, 2014

Annual Sadleir Lecture
March 12, 2014

Rev. Canon Terry Wong, vicar, St. James Church, Singapore

Institute of Evangelism Dinner
March 27, 2014

Centre for Scripture and Theology Conference
May 9 & 10, 2014

Wycliffe Convocation
May 12, 2014

Alumni/ae Association Annual General Meeting
May 13, 2014

Refresh! Conference featuring *Wycliffe Serves!*
May 13 & 14, 2014

Preaching Day with Thomas Long
November 7, 2014

Please visit the Wycliffe website for updates and information on all upcoming events
www.wycliffecollege.ca

Student Profiles



Maria Stuart

It has been a joyous privilege to begin studying at Wycliffe this year in the M.Div. program! It is a dream come true – a dream that has taken me a few years to lay hold of.

My parents are church planters and missionaries from Grand Rapids, Michigan. I was born in Winnipeg, moved to Toronto in 1995, and spent grades 9-11 in Kazakhstan. It was an adventure moving around as a family of six, an adventure for which I am very grateful in the way it shaped my heart for God and His kingdom. I studied English at the University of Guelph and realized that it was *not* my passion.

I loved to study Scripture in my free time and often longed to leave school to go bring the gospel to unreached peoples. My struggles with completing my undergraduate degree, my desire to jump right into active ministry, and my uncertainty about what it meant to be a woman in ministry kept me from seriously considering seminary. However, after finally finishing my bachelor's degree and working in several service

jobs, I was desperate to be doing something in line with my passions. So I decided to apply to seminary at Wycliffe, where my husband had already begun his M.Div. the year prior.

We've committed to living as simply as possible – saving what we can so that we might both attend Wycliffe. God has abundantly provided for *all* of our needs in this time. It is impossible to express the joy I felt on my first day at Wycliffe. It was like water being poured on dry, thirsty soil, and I was overwhelmed with gratitude to God for leading me here. I have loved the warm, welcoming community of Wycliffe and the rich Anglican tradition, which was foreign to me until this year. This community is marked with love and humility and the presence of God here is rich. It is a place where I can ask questions and dig deep into the Word and be surrounded by incredible classmates and professors.

Maria Stuart, 1st year M.Div. student



Monique Hodge

It has taken me eight years to get to this point! You know when you know that there is more to your life but you just can't put your finger on exactly what that is? Well that has been my journey and I am glad and pleasantly surprised to be part of the Wycliffe community.

I am a first year, part-time M.Div. student. I always knew that I was called to the Church, but I just didn't know how it was going to play itself out. After working in the banking industry and currently in the insurance industry, obtaining a degree in psychology and a certificate in human resource management, I finally made a decision to heed the call of God and apply to Wycliffe.

I guess the humour in all of this is that up until June 2013 I hadn't even heard of Wycliffe. I was

at a Bible study *that I had no intention of attending*, where I encountered a current Wycliffe student who introduced me to the school. After mulling over the thought of actually doing what I said I've wanted to do, I took a leap of faith and haven't looked back since. I must admit I thought I was going to be a student number that could easily get lost in the student body. I am thankful that this is not the case. I have never felt more welcomed and part of a bigger picture where the student body shares a common purpose: to serve others through the gospel of Christ and act as a pillar in the Church to motivate and inspire others to do the same. Wycliffe has been the best decision in my life to date. I'm moving forward and there is no looking back!

Monique Hodge, 1st year M.Div. student

Student Profiles



Jenn McIntyre

A year ago I was at a retreat where someone posed the question: "What could you talk about with someone for hours on end?" I knew the answer right away. If you get me on the topic of Canadian refugee policy or the need to practice hospitality for those seeking shelter in this country, I could talk your ear off. Although I am not sure I could articulate what it means to be called by God to something, I do know that I have been given passion in an area where there is great need. Last spring I decided I needed to live into that passion, so I said goodbye to life-giving work in campus ministry in Guelph.

With a background in international development, I am regularly asked why I chose to come to seminary, when there are specialized programs in refugee or international migration studies at secular universities across the globe. I believe that sharing life with refugees means sharing in suffering and in

joy, and the only thing that makes sense to me is to root that way of being in the gospel. Thus, I find myself at Wycliffe, building a theological foundation out of which to serve.

Two months into my time at the college, I am still discovering the richness of the diverse community that Wycliffe is. Ecumenical community is very important to me as a Christian who has had feet in the Evangelical, Anglican, Roman Catholic and Christian Reformed traditions. I feel blessed to study and worship with people that represent a beautiful picture of the Church in its various denominations, cultures, genders, ages, and academic and professional backgrounds. Our stories are so different, as are our reasons for being at Wycliffe. We are unified by our desire to learn and to serve in the way of Christ.

Jenn McIntyre, 1st year M.Div. student

RECENT ORDINATIONS

Deborah Wilson MTS (W2005) was ordained a permanent deacon on June 9, 2013 in the Diocese of Kootenay. She is serving the parish of St. Andrew's, Kelowna, BC.



(L-R): The Rev. Deacon Christine Ross, the Most Rev. John Privett, Archbishop of the Diocese of Kootenay, Deborah, and the Rev. Deacon Pat Simons



Katie (W2010) with father, Paul Silcox (W2012) ordained in June 2013.

Stephen Setzer (Left; W2013) at Kenneth's Orsburn (W2013) ordination. Stephen was also ordained this year.



Allison Chubb (W2013) at her ordination with Prof. Annette Brownlee.

Faculty Comings and Goings

During the year
John Bowen's

book, *Green Shoots out of Dry Ground: Growing a New*

Future for the Church in Canada was published. It contains 17 essays by authors from across the country and from several denominations, concerning the future of the Church in Canada. In February, John directed the seventh annual Vital Church Planting conference in Toronto, co-sponsored by the Institute of Evangelism and the Diocese of Toronto, and the third annual conference in Edmonton. John's speaking engagements included the Presbyterian Renewal Fellowship in Nobleton ON; on C.S. Lewis at Redeemer University College; and the Diocese of Ontario Training and Development Committee. His five-part course, *Reimagining Church: Shaped for Mission*, has been taught for each of the bishops in Toronto, while the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island have made their own video version of the course. Over 300 people have downloaded the program from the Fresh Expressions Canada website.



articles published recently: "We Gentiles': Ethnicity and Identity in Justin Martyr," in *Early Christianity*, and "'Gentile Christianity' as a Category in the Study of Christian Origins," in *Harvard Theological Review*. In November he presented a paper at the SBL meeting in Baltimore, entitled "I am speaking to you Gentiles': What Did Paul's Converts Think of This Ascribed Identity?"

This summer **Ann Jervis**

wrote an invited 8,000 word essay for *The Oxford Handbook of Pauline Studies* titled "Paul the Theologian."

This fall she was a respondent at the Wycliffe Centre for Scripture and Theology's conference on The New Perspective on Paul. In November she gave a paper entitled "Time in Christ: Paul's Understanding of Time" at the SBL conference in Baltimore. Ann is the chair of the Pauline Soteriology section of the SBL. Last March she was a speaker in the Lenten series at St. James Cathedral on the early relationship between Jews and Christians. She also participated in a Notre Dame University funded project on the relationship between analytic philosophy and biblical studies.



Joseph Mangina is on

sabbatical leave for the fall semester. He is currently in the early stages of research for a book on the Church and



the Sacraments. In November, he was at Duke University in North Carolina, where he was part of a working group of theologians exploring the nature of time.

Judy Paulsen contributed an essay entitled, "Does Messy Church make disciples?" to a new book entitled *Messy Church Theology: Exploring the significance of Messy Church for the wider church*, edited by George Lings. Judy was excited to have been part of a project which asks foundational questions about ecclesiology, worship, evangelism, and discipleship.



The collection of essays by current faculty members, graduate students, and graduates of Wycliffe College entitled, *Change and Transformation: Essays in Anglican History*, edited by **Thomas Power** appeared in September. The essays address some central topics notably the sacraments, liturgy, biblical interpretation, theological education, the relationship of church and state, governance and authority, and Christian education.



Christopher Seitz was the recipient of an Alexander von Humboldt research grant at the University of Göttingen in the summer of 2013, working with Prof. Hermann Spieckermann. His current writing projects include a commentary on Joel for the



new International Theological Commentary (T. & T. Clark), and a commentary on Colossians (Brazos Theological Commentary series) due in May 2014. A volume in honor of Brevard Childs was published by SBL to coincide with the Fall meeting in Baltimore.

In May 2012 **Marion Taylor**

presented a paper "Reading the Past to Illumine the Present: a Case Study in Biblical Interpretation,"



at the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Society of Biblical Studies in Victoria. While in Victoria, she led the first women's breakfast for the Parish of Central Saanich. She presented the keynote address entitled: "Forgotten 'Angelic' Anglican Readers of Scripture" at the Ancient Evangelical Future Conference in Pittsburgh in June 2013. At the SBL in Baltimore in November she spoke on "Jephthah's Daughter: Noble and Obedient Unto Death or Misguided?" Her book, *Handbook of Women Biblical Interpreters: A Historical and Biographical Guide* (Grand Rapids: Baker, 2012), was awarded several honours, including first place in The Word Guild's Best Canadian Academic book award, honourable mention for the Grace Irwin prize, and silver medal winner of the 2012 *ForeWord Reviews* Book of the Year Award. Marion is currently collaborating in the completion of anthologies of 19th century women's writings of women in Joshua and Judges, and on 19th century women's writings of women in the gospels. For her forthcoming sabbatical Marion will be preparing a commentary on the books of Ruth and Esther.

George Summer's Reappointment



The end of this academic year will mark George Summer's fifteenth anniversary as Principal of Wycliffe College. This past spring, the Board of Trustees unanimously voted to reappoint George to a further five-year term. It has been my great pleasure to work closely with George for over a decade.

It is essential that Wycliffe's leader should have a strong working relationship with the University of Toronto, the Anglican Church, and the broader global church and evangelical world. George Summer has these connections and has garnered respect in all circles.

In addition, all presiding administration in theological colleges must, in today's world, be directly involved in fundraising. This is an underappreciated fact.

George Summer is a visionary leader. The curriculum at Wycliffe was recently reviewed and revised and the big questions of where the Church should be headed and how to get there are a strong focus.

Our students today come from many different denominations and George has shown great ability to connect with them and their Christian traditions.

Many respondents to our recent survey on George's leadership commented on the remarkably good morale of the Wycliffe community. Our Principal sets the tone for this and as one said, "He has a great sense of fun. May this continue, regardless of how his Boston Red Sox are faring."

George Summer's love of learning has become his career and we at this college are blessed to be able to interact with that on a daily basis. As C.S. Lewis once preached in a memorable sermon: "But if we thought that for some souls, and at some times, the life of learning, humility offered to God, was, in its own small way, one of the appointed approaches to the Divine reality and the Divine beauty which we hope to enjoy hereafter, we can think so still."

*Dr. Doug Milloy
Chair, Board of Trustees*



PRINCIPAL'S DINNER 2013

It was an honour to be part of the 12th Annual Principal's Dinner at Wycliffe College this year. As a current student, it was, and is always, a privilege to meet and speak with so many of the generous, remarkable and engaging people that make Wycliffe possible. Finding oneself in a room with so many who care about this place was a significant feature of the evening's beauty.

Another extraordinary element of the evening was the opportunity to hear Archbishop Mouneer Anis of Egypt and Bishop Idowu-Fearon of Nigeria as they each spoke of the unprecedented social and political changes of recent years in the Middle East and Africa, respectively. Bishop Idowu-Fearon impressed upon

us with inspiring stories from his home community, the dramatic need to seek to understand and thoughtfully engage our Muslim neighbours such that we embody the peace and love of Christ in discourse and dialogue. Similarly, Archbishop Anis spoke powerfully not only of the changes which have swept through Egypt but also of the persecution many Coptic Christians face and even more, of the Church's extraordinary commitment to peace and stability, in response to unspeakable violence.

Bonnie Dowling
3rd year M.Div. student



Archbishop
Mouneer Anis



Bishop
Idowu-Fearon





Let God be God!

Learning From Hannah About Prayer

THE REV. DR. CHRIS SEITZ, SENIOR RESEARCH PROFESSOR, WYCLIFFE COLLEGE

On Thursday morning this fall term, the Wycliffe faculty delivered a sermon series on Prayer. Below is an excerpt of Prof. Chris Seitz's sermon on 1 Samuel 1:1-17.

ON THE SURFACE, 1 Samuel 1:1-17 has all the ingredients of a good soap opera. There is female rivalry: the fertile wife taunts the much-loved but childless wife, and the annual painful reminders of that. Then there are the vain overtures of a husband found in the special double helpings salted with "Am I not worth more to you than ten sons?" Then add charges of drunkenness from a priest whose own sons are crooks and reprobates. Then the painful pleadings of Hannah resulting in an improbable, desperate vow. And all of this taking place at a holy time and in a holy place, the ten mile pilgrimage to Shiloh where the ark of the covenant resides. The lovely behavior of religious people!

The place where the story of Hannah and the soap opera diverge is the place of prayer. Here is the place Hannah flees to when all else in life is broken and forlorn. This is what makes the realism of the Bible unique. Hannah is like you and me and like every desperately hopeless person who ever lived. But she is also a woman whose fundamental trait is that she lives in God and demands that He hear her. She doesn't have a prayer closet. She is one.

Most people who become this desperate quit praying altogether. Most people who are convinced they know what is missing in life pray for that, and demand that. Hannah is missing a child and is taunted because she feels this deficit so keenly. But her prayer is not for something missing to be granted to

her. Indeed, she vows to give the son away as soon as he is born.

Her prayer is much deeper and much riskier. Her prayer is that God be God. The dilemma she endures is not being the woman she believes God wants her to be, and so that is a problem He alone can resolve by being the God Hannah knows He is. The God of life and death. The God of power and wonder working. The God who lives deep down where all is broken and shows His majesty there. That is the God Hannah waits to hear from.

For the Church what we pray for in times of loss or unfulfilled hopes is certainly reversal of fortune. That the children who worry us will become happy and fruitful. That failures in relationships will take a fresh and positive turn. That our vocational confusions will clear up and show a pleasant road ahead. That our fears about this or that daily round will dissipate. That the wrongs we have done and know we have done will be forgiven. That illness will go away.

But if we are honest, as honest as Hannah, we know that behind and below all this is the prayer that God be God. If that be so, then all will follow well enough in time. Hannah surrenders the boy Samuel, gratefully, and in time is blessed with five more children.

Can we learn anything about prayer from Hannah? Maybe the real question is: Do we *want* to learn from Hannah? Are we

committed enough to throw ourselves as deeply into it as she does? As St. Chrysostom noted in his homilies on Hannah, her prayer in the first instance is not words, rather it is the totality of herself in naked pain and honesty. It is the bringing of all she is in her most abject, most unfinished, and most needy. Not turning *away* in pain and defeat, but turning *to* and handing all of it over. That move takes deep courage and honesty, and for most people is more often blocked by guilt and unworthiness taking the form of pride. "Let me wrap myself in my patterns of forgetfulness and self-regard. I have nothing to say to God. The line has gone dead."

Hannah has none of this. Turning away from all mitigating options—husband's love, food and drink, poor priestly counsel, revenge against her rival—she throws herself into God's hands and demands that those same hands show themselves strong. Hardness is the agent God uses to remake us in our waiting, so that when, at first or at long last, He answers us, *remade* we are able to hear Him speak, and at last receive His answer.

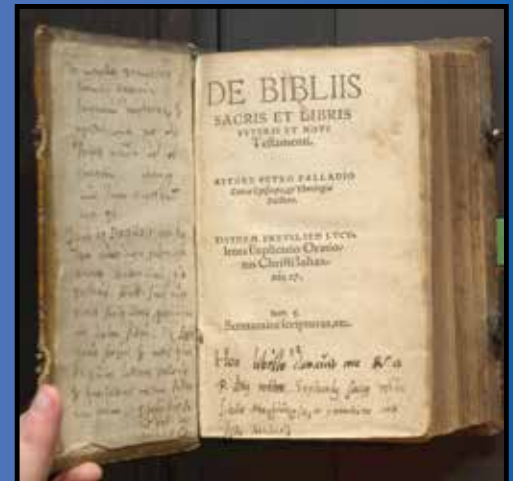
If we follow Hannah's example, then her second prayer can be ours as well. She prayed and said, "My heart exults in the Lord, because I rejoice in your salvation. There is none holy like the Lord. The Lord kills and He brings to life. The Lord makes poor and makes rich, He brings low and He exalts. He guards the feet of his faithful ones."

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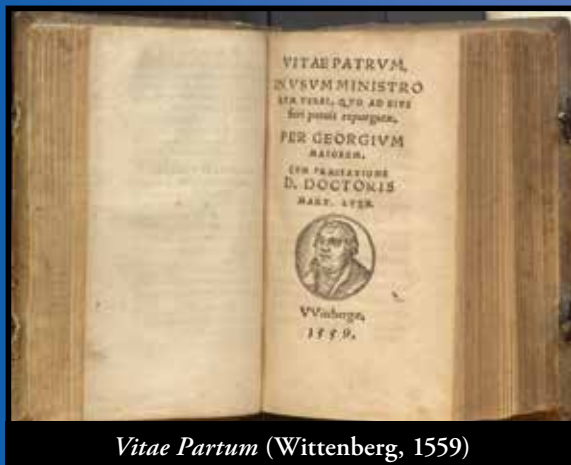
BY TOM POWER

In July Wycliffe College received a donation of a rare book from Mr. William E. Davis of Brockville, Ontario. Bound together in one volume are *De Bibliis Sacris et libris veteris et novi testamenti autore Petro Palladio, Daniae Epsicopo, & Theologiae Doctore* by Peter Palladius, published in Frankfurt in 1558, and *Vitae patrum in usum ministrorum verbi, quo ad eius fieri potuit repurgatae* by Georg Major, published in Wittenberg in 1559.

The *De Bibliis Sacris* is a commentary on the Old and New Testaments along with a brief analysis of the speech of Christ in John 17. The author is Peder (Peter) Palladius (1503-1560), a native of Denmark, who studied at the University of Wittenberg in the early 1530s. It is unclear if he came there already a follower of Luther, or whether he was converted to being one as a result of his time there. What is clear is that he became a chief agent in the spread of the Reformation to Denmark. In 1537 the Danish church broke with Rome, and Christian III, king of Denmark, made Palladius the first Lutheran bishop of Zealand, and also a professor of theology at the University of Copenhagen. Palladius believed strongly in education as the means of bringing people to a vital faith. This commitment he implemented through a wide ministry of teaching, preaching, and writing. It is likely that *De Bibliis* was written and used as part of this educational ministry.



De Bibliis Sacris (Frankfurt, 1558)



Vitae Partum (Wittenberg, 1559)

The *Vitae partum* by Georg Major contains sayings excerpted from the lives of the church fathers. Georg Major (1502-1574) was a German Lutheran theologian and professor at the University of Wittenberg where, after 1560, he led the faculty. His presence at Wittenberg in the 1530s may have, in part, overlapped with that of Peder Palladius. At Luther's recommendation in 1544, Major prepared the *Vitae partum*, and it has a preface by Luther who was a close associate of his.

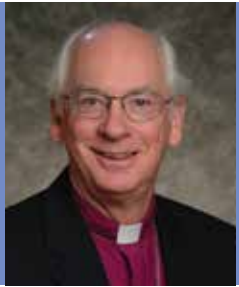
Apart from the two works contained in the one volume, the book has an original binding which is in contemporary blind-tooled pigskin with two working leather and metal clasps. The front cover features David with his harp in the centre, while the back cover has a nativity scene panel.

William Davis came into possession of the rare book in 1963 on the death of his father, Archdeacon Llewellyn Evans Davis (1884-1963). A native of London, Ontario, Archdeacon Davis graduated from the University of Toronto (BA 1906, MA 1907). He studied at Wycliffe College and Ridley College, Cambridge. He was ordained in 1907 and began his ministry in Toronto. During the years 1907-1913 he was dean of residence at Wycliffe College. In 1913 he moved to Brockville, ON to become the new rector of St. Paul's where he remained for thirty-one years, a period marked with "unceasing pastoral care and loyal witness to the gospel." In 1945 he received an honorary DD from Wycliffe College, the citation for which said of Archdeacon Davis: "He has won the loyalty and admiration of all the clergy and lay members of the Synod [of Ontario] for his unswerving devotion to his Church principles and evangelical convictions together with a deep and wide Christian understanding and sympathy."

How Archdeacon Davis came into possession of this rare item is not apparent. Nevertheless, we are very grateful to his son, William Davis, for his generosity and thoughtfulness in donating this rare item to Wycliffe College. It will be added to the collection of rare books in the John W. Graham Library, where the joint theological collection of Wycliffe College and Trinity College is located.



De Bibliis Sacris (cover)



Dear fellow Wycliffe grads and friends,

Once again we are delighted to send you several dozen snippets of alumni/ae comings and goings, as they pursue the ministries to which God has called them, along with notes of personal and family life. We hope you will enjoy catching up with some of your classmates or other Wycliffe colleagues.

Bishop Peter Mason, Alumni/ae Corresponding Secretary

From the 1950s

The Rev. Peter Niblock (W58). Over sixty years ago before enrolling at Wycliffe College, Peter Niblock spent a summer working on railroads as a labourer-teacher in association with Frontier College. On a hot August day in 1951, Peter's gang ran out of water and experienced a deep thirst which would one day lead to his meditating upon the soul's thirst for living water. Years later Peter completed a lengthy poem exploring the theme of thirst. (Copies may be obtained from the Development Office.) Currently Peter continues to jog several times a week. In addition, he keeps busy volunteering at a community residence for out of town cancer patients, and developing a diocesan computerized database of more than a thousand clergy who served in British Columbia and the Yukon.

Mrs. Kathleen Wilkinson (W58). Every assisted living community should be so fortunate to have

someone like Kay Wilkinson in its midst! She regularly reads the community newspaper to those no longer able to do so for themselves, she serves morning coffee or tea to other residents each week, and she leads a Sunday service in the afternoon. Kay remains involved in the local Parry Sound Anglican Church, helping with the parish bible study and working on a programme coordinating Community and Social Service. "After being disabled for sixty years, I give thanks for every day the Lord has given me." Indeed, and we give thanks for Kay!

From the 1960s

Canon David Sinclair (W62 & W91). For David Sinclair, "retirement" is something of a misnomer. Since "retiring" in 2004, he has served a lengthy list of interim ministry assignments in the Diocese of Montreal. Now he has been appointed priest-in-charge of the Parish of Arundel and Weir in Quebec's beautiful Laurentian region. One recent highlight for

David was returning to St. Mary Magdalene Church in Picton, Ontario, where he had been rector a decade ago, to help celebrate a significant parish anniversary.

From the 1970s

The Ven. Reginald MacDonald (W74). Another Wycliffe grad for whom "retirement" is full of productive ministry, Reg spent the summer filling in for vacationing clergy, United Church as well as Anglicans. Now he has been appointed priest-in-charge of the parishes of LaHave and Blue Rocks, on Nova Scotia's south shore, while the parishes seek to determine their futures, in light of declining members and financial resources. Meanwhile Reg and his wife, Sandy, stay involved with their home parish of St. John's, Lunenburg, and enjoy as much contact as possible with their families who are scattered from Nova Scotia to Toronto.

The Rt. Rev. Tom Corston (W75 & W 2011). Tom will be retir-

ing as Bishop of Moosonee at the end of this December. He began his ministry in Moosonee in



1974, and later served in the dioceses of Fredericton and Algoma. Chosen bishop in 2010, Tom has headed up the restructuring of Anglican ministry in northern Ontario and Quebec, where due to declining Anglican presence and financial support, the region has been designated the "Moosonee Mission Area" under the episcopal care of the Archbishop of Ontario. In retirement Tom will serve as "Episcopal Visitor" to the Moosonee parishes from his home in Sudbury. He plans to do some writing, and with his wife, Ruth, to travel at least some of the world.

Mr. Chris Beldan (W77). Recently Chris retired from Lancaster Theological Seminary in Pennsylvania, where for sixteen

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years he has been associate librarian and IT director. He and his family have settled in Hamilton, Ontario, and now attend St. John's Anglican Church in Ancaster.

The Rev. David Wainwright (W78). One of Wycliffe's oldest alumni, David entered the college at age 54 and graduated in 1978 at 58 years of age. "I have been in our Saviour's service since then, working in as many ways and places as possible." Now 93, David has difficulty walking, however he still conducts the occasional funeral as padre of the local legion near Havelock, Ontario, and reads the lessons at church from time to time. "I thank Wycliffe for the wonderful gift of learning and fellowship. Blessings to you all."

The Very Rev. Peter Williams (W78).

Peter and his wife, Barb, have had a varied ministry history in Canada



as well as South America. Peter retired as dean of the cathedral in Whitehorse, Yukon, in 2008, due to health problems, notably Parkinson's disease. Upon returning to Barrie, Ontario, Peter has been relicensed to an ANIC congregation. Although Peter cannot attend church as often as he would like, he still maintains a vital ministry of prayer and would covet our prayers for his own health.

From the 1980s

The Rev. Canon Terry Leer (W82). In August Bishop Fraser Lawton of the Diocese of Athabasca appointed Terry as Archdeacon for Mission Development. The goal of this ministry is to help transform the culture of the diocese, weaning it away from the desire to receive ministry, to a place where the Great Commission is lived out in the daily lives of the disciples of the diocese. This will include working with clergy, vestries, lay readers, and congregations to increase awareness of mission in the context of a largely rural diocese. Blessings for this new ministry, Terry.

The Very Rev. Kenneth Davis (W86). Ken and his family are well settled in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, where he serves as Dean of St. Alban's Cathedral. Recently they enjoyed a visit from son Simon (W2012) and daughter-in-law Ashley also (W2012) who were part of a mission trip with members of Trinity Church, Streetsville, Mississauga. Wonderful new bonds of friendship were formed between folks from the suburban 'east' and the Cree/Anglicans in the northwest. During a visit back in Ontario Ken spent a Sunday morning with the **Rev. Bob Hartley (W63)**, as a result of which plans were set for Bob to conduct a preaching course in the Diocese of Saskatchewan. At the moment more than a dozen clergy and lay readers have signed up. In addition to his duties as dean, Ken has recently taken on responsibility for the rural parish

of Leask Shellbrook. He's grateful for the devotion of these new parishioners; at the same time he longs for a renewed missionary zeal among the well-trained and resourced clergy from other parts of Canada for sacrificial service in places like northern Saskatchewan.

The Rev. Brian Parker (W87). Going around... coming around. Early this year Brian and his wife, Joan, moved back to the village of Minden, Ontario, where Brian had been the Anglican priest for nine years. Despite the stresses of moving and enduring a major computer crash, Brian has continued in his Messianic ministry, now based in the Minden Bible Church. Church life includes coordinating small group ministry, teaching and occasionally preaching. Friends old and new provide constant support and encouragement for the Parkers and their ongoing ministry.

The Rev. Dr. Fred Penney (W87). Like many other Wycliffe graduates, Fred has combined both pastoral and academic ministries. Upon graduation Fred and his wife Valerie planted a new church in Toronto and cared for it for almost fifteen years, before moving to Port Perry to become lead pastor of Emmanuel Community Church. Concurrently Fred completed a Doctor of Ministry degree at Gordon-Conwell Seminary in Boston. He now serves as adjunct



The Ven. Bill Clarke (W1989)

professor of homiletics at Tyndale Seminary in Toronto.

The Ven. Peter Armstrong (W89) is working away at a Doctor of Ministry with a focus on team ministry all the while engaging in parish ministry in northern Nova Scotia.

The Ven. Bill Clarke (W89) enjoyed a sabbatical from his ministry as rector of St. Thomas' Church, Kingston, Ontario. A highlight was his first trip to Israel and Jordan. Rested, he resumed his parish and diocesan duties, including representing his diocese at the General Synod of the Anglican Church.

From the 1990s

The Rev. Haynes Hubbard (W95). Haynes and his wife, Susan, returned from five years' ministry in southern Portugal. Currently Haynes is the rector of St. Mark's Church, Kingston, and Susan is a registered midwife with the Kingston Community Midwives' Association. This year Haynes has dipped a toe back in the academic waters by registering in the Doctor of Ministry program at Wycliffe. The Hubbards are happy to be back in Canada, but miss the cosmopolitan flavour of Europe!

From the 2000s

The Rev. Shaun O'Connor (W2001). As rector of the Parish of Bonavista in Newfoundland

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Ms. Vanessa Rottner (W2005)

and Labrador, for the past year, Shaun is winning the confidence of older parishioners as well as the youth of the church by throwing his support into ecumenical youth ministry. Dying one's hair pink may not become a liturgical trend any time soon, but it helped Shaun connect with the kids (and their parents as well).



Mr. Jonathan Slater (W2003).

Another of Wycliffe's "pastoral academics",

Jonathan has just completed his PhD through the University of St. Michael's College and graduated in November. His thesis dealt with the exegetical foundations of Karl Barth's doctrine of baptism. Jonathan and his wife, Maureen, live in Toronto. He is youth pastor for the Markham-Stouffville area Mennonite churches. Congratulations, Dr. Slater!



Mr. Sean O'Leary (W2003).

Sean is in his sixth year of teaching at Christ College in Surrey, British Columbia. He serves as director of Ancient and Contemporary Worship Studies, and as Chapel Director. You may be interested in checking out his original music website at www.incidentalmusic.ca. Sean and his wife, Lisa, live in New Westminster, B.C.



The Rev. William Osborne (W2003) recently received the Marjorie MacKinnon Award "in Recognition of outstanding effort in the promotion of ecumenism" under the auspices of the Order of St. Lazarus of Jerusalem. **Mr. Andrew Kaye (W2005)**, who is currently a doctoral student, also received a bursary from the Order. Congratulations to you both.

James Pedlar (W2005). Another "academic

pastor," James recently defended his PhD thesis on "A theology of ecclesiastical charisms, with reference to the Paulist Fathers and the Salvation Army." He now teaches on the faculty of Tyndale Seminary as an assistant professor of Wesley Studies and Theology. James and his wife, Samantha, attend Wesley Chapel Free Methodist Church in Scarborough, where he leads worship and preaches.



The Rev. Paul Ranson (W2005).

Paul and his wife Kimberly added a second son to their family a couple of months ago, Isaac Emeth by name. Paul is now

the chaplain at Rothesay Netherwood School and an associate priest in the Parish of Coldbrook in the Diocese of Fredericton, where he is focussing on youth, families, and community engagement.



Ms. Vanessa Rottner (W2005).

Travels in the Caribbean a few years ago awakened in Vanessa a new desire to develop her craft skills, followed by courses in gemology and beading, and eventually leading to a small business. She also finds numerous opportunities for informal ministry of listening, spiritual guidance, and mentoring. Through St. James' Cathedral in Toronto Vanessa also serves as a volunteer at the crematorium chapel.

The Rev. Renee Desjardins (W2006), recently moved to St. John's Church, Ancaster, Ontario, as an associate priest, working happily with Archdeacon David Pickett, the rector.

Mr. Paul Gilson (W2006), is hoping to enter chaplaincy ministry at the soon to be opened Toronto South Detention Centre.

The Rev. Benjamin Mbago (W2006), along with his wife, Sophia, and their children Samuel, Salome, Beatrice and Jessica, send their love and greetings to the Wycliffe family they once lived among, from St. Paul's Church, Singida, Manyoni,

Tanzania, where Benjamin is now the parish priest-in-charge.

Ms. Kathryn Belicki (W2007).

Kathy continues to serve on a team of Christians who organize and implement a biennial event called Comfort and Hope, at Brock University in St. Catharine's, Ontario. Comfort and Hope is an ecumenical, non-profit event, directed at three groups: Christians who are struggling physically, emotionally, or spiritually, Christians who are supporting others who struggle, and Christians who are in a good time of life but feel called to reach out to others in need. The 2014 event will be the group's third effort. For more information visit their website at www.comfortandhope.ca.



The Rev. Kathleen Buligan (W2007).

Kathleen's days (and evenings) must be full, as she serves as a deacon at St. Timothy's Anglican Church, Scarborough, Ontario. Among her responsibilities are singing in the choir, spiritual caregiver at Scarborough Hospital General Campus, Chair of New Hope Mandarin Ministry Board, and carrying out leadership duties in Alpha Delta Kappa, an honours society for women educators. In her "spare" time Kathy works on



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a ThD in Old Testament, and enjoys golfing and gardening with her husband Serge.

Mr. Dion Oxford (W2009). At the end of this summer Dion ended his position with the Salvation Army's Gateway Ministry. He has now become "Mission Strategist" for the five Salvation Army shelters in Toronto. These shelters – heretofore independent of one another – are being integrated to allow closer cooperation and partnership. Dion's role will be to work with all five shelters with the goal of helping to refocus on the core mission of being the presence of Jesus' love among those who live on or close to the streets. Dion sees this as an exciting new step in his ministry, utilizing the gifts and passion God has bestowed upon him.

From the 2010s

Ms. Rachel Ball (W2011) wants her friends to know that on August 3, 2013, she was married to Andrew Knight-Messenger at St. George's Roman Catholic



Church in London, Ontario. Congratulations to you both!

Ms. Angela King (W2011). After leaving Wycliffe with her MTS, Angela pursued studies in Clinical Pastoral Education in Fredericton and Halifax, with a focus on spirituality and dementia care. "Dementia does not negate a person's spirituality. It does, however, change the way we engage it," she says. More recently Angela moved to Penticton, BC to become a chaplain of the Good Samaritan Society attached to The Village by the Station, one of 33 GSS long term care sites in western Canada, and based within the Lutheran community. As chaplain Angela functions as both a spiritual care provider and spiritual care facilitator. Currently she is implementing a Pastoral Visitors Training program.



The Rev. Robert Porter (W2011). "Area ministry" – the clustering of several neighbouring parishes into one larger unit, has become common in many areas of Canada. One such example is the Anglican churches of

Grenville North in the Diocese of Ontario. Recently Robert Porter joined the pastoral team headed by Archdeacon Andrew Chisholm (W95). Robert is the primary priest of St. James' Church, Kemptville and the parish of Oxford, where he is encouraged by the faith and loyalty of God's people in these churches.

Mr. Percy Francis (W2012). After graduation from Wycliffe, Percy continued his studies, and recently received a Master of Divinity degree from Tyndale College and Seminary. He remains grateful for the support and prayers of the Wycliffe community.

Ms. Cate McDermott (W2013). After returning to Philadelphia, Cate obtained a position at the Reformed Episcopal Seminary. However her consuming interest is writing books as part of a family of authors and book producers. See their website www.thesiblings-writery.com. Music is another of Cate's interests for she is a member of the local Gilbert and Sullivan Society, soloist in an upcoming production of *Messiah*, and active participant in St. Mark's Reformed Episcopal Church.



SENIOR STICK

Sam Adams, 3rd year M.Div. and Senior Student



Life here at Wycliffe College is off to a great start this year! We've had a very exciting first few months. Our new students are a vibrant bunch and they are providing a lot of new energy to the life of the community, for which we're really excited and thankful. At our Fall Retreat, we were delighted to welcome Amy Bunce, a former Senior Student, and a priest in Saskatoon, and her family, including her husband, folk singer/songwriter, Wyndham Thiessen. Together, they discussed vocation and led songs around the campfire.

We had our Fall Festival on October 4 with an Oktoberfest theme. It was a really treasured time for students, faculty and staff, and their families, and a great example of the lively community here at Wycliffe.

On October 25, we hosted Dr. Dennis Lamoreaux, who gave a lecture titled, "Was Adam a Real Person?" The evening was full of engaging and lively discussion, not only from him and his respondents including Dr. Sumner, but also among Wycliffe students and other U of T students who attended.

It has been a rich year so far! As we look forward to what lies ahead, including our Advent celebration, some missions projects that are in the works, and other social and theological events, we are thankful to God who has placed us here and given us this community and this legacy to be a part of, we are excited to see where the Lord takes us next!

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

Hot coffee and breakfast was served on a cold and rainy Saturday morning for a Women's Breakfast in Sheraton Hall. "When Women Read the Bible" was held on September 21, 2013 with the Rev. Rhoda Luvuno Wabukala and Professor Marion Taylor. Rev. Wabukala spoke on the challenges and encouragement of working with the Mother's Union in Kenya, and earlier years in training clergy in HIV and AIDS care. Professor Taylor led the group to consider the actions of Deborah and Jael in Judges 4-5 and what might God be saying to us today about these stories.

Check the Wycliffe website for the next Women's Breakfast.



RENÉ PADILLA: MAKING THINGS RIGHT

BY DAVID KUPP



To what extent should people of faith be concerned for justice in society, and in their own neighbourhoods? Is every vocation, from plumber to fruit-picker to priest, a calling to engage in social justice? If justice and God's present kingdom are primary concerns of Jesus, how do we rebalance our fixation with words and proclamation? By what biblical and theological criteria should we evaluate and act on current-day globalization, ecological crises and economic inequity? How do we build faith communities that want to learn the biblical art and science of advocacy, healing and reconciliation?

René Padilla is a master of these thoughtful questions which probe, silence and then provoke engagement. A cohort of 15 students, faculty and alumni/ae recently journeyed with him through a week of sessions on Integral Mission: Theology and Praxis. Our hours together were well spent.

As one of Latin America's key instigators of the *Misión Integral* movement, Dr. Padilla knows well the 19-20th century history of evangelical resistance to engagement in social justice. The gradual reawakening to the biblical call to holistic human transformation began in the 1960s in both Americas, he recalls. For example, the Wheaton Declaration (1966) recognized "an unscriptural isolation from the world" and confessed the "failure to apply scriptural principles to such problems as racism, war, population explosion, poverty..." and urged "all evangelicals to stand openly and firmly for racial equality, human freedom, and all forms of social justice throughout the world." Over the next decades the Lausanne Congress and other bodies continued to develop, embrace and sometimes battle with this prophetic conversation.

As reawakenings go, Padilla explains, the road to gospel reintegration has remained rocky, especially in the global North. Champions like John Stott came under fire for pushing evangelicals to transcend their century-old dichotomy between evangelism and social responsibility. Padilla asks: How can places like Wycliffe College build *Misión Integral* into all parts of their curriculum? Another fine, provocative query.



René Padilla and Wycliffe Students

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VISION for Wycliffe College is an ongoing stewardship program that helps friends of Wycliffe learn more about estate planning and planned giving.



Most people understand the importance of financial planning, but fewer understand the importance of estate planning and the necessity of having a will. Estate planning means taking an account of all you own and then deciding who will get what. This is often articulated in a will. When done carefully, estate planning involves choosing estate trustees (and alternates), choosing powers of attorney (and alternates), writing a will and reducing taxes (through charitable giving and other means). Wycliffe College is pleased to offer some basic information about this important area of stewardship through its brochure, *Planning Your Estate*.

To receive your free copy, just call Rob Henderson, Director of Development at 416-946-3538 or email rob.henderson@wycliffe.utoronto.ca

ADVENT MEDITATIONS ONLINE



For each of our four Advent Sundays beginning on Sunday December 1, a Wycliffe faculty member will offer a meditation and prayer for reflection on a selected Advent gospel reading and for Christmas Day.

If you are interested in receiving these meditations and prayers, please make sure we have your email address by contacting prayers@wycliffe.utoronto.ca