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Symposium Engages Christian Minds and the University

The symposium titled, “Engaging the University: Student Mission and the Christian Mind,” drew attendees from universities in the West Indies, North America, Europe, Asia, Africa and South America. Sponsored by Tyndale Seminary and the Religious & Theological Studies Fellowship of InterVarsity Canada, the symposium ran from July 4 through 6. Attendees examined the historical roots of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship (IVCF) and the International Fellowship of Evangelical Students (IFES). The ongoing commitment to contemporary society and future generations—specifically in academia—was discussed.

Opening speaker, Vinoth Ramachandra, gave a stirring talk on the challenge of university mission today. Ramachandra is the IFES Secretary for Dialogue and Social Engagement in Asia.

“We are not a ministry to students, but a ministry by students and lecturers/faculty to the university as a whole,” said Ramachandra as he addressed the theme of how Christian groups engaged students on secular university



▲ Daniel Bourdagné

campuses. “This would involve learning to explore what the Lordship of Christ actually means in the different disciplines that are taught in the various academic departments, the research projects... as well as learning how to speak ‘Christianly’ into the issues that occupy university life... [Students] must be challenged and helped to integrate their academic studies, personal relationships, work ambitions and everything else under an



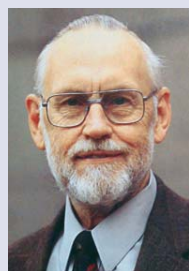
▲ Vinoth Ramachandra

overarching submission to the Lordship of Christ which embraces all of life.”

He outlined one of the main challenges that IFES faces, “What is often taught is a middle-class, Anglocentric reading of the world and its history with a veneer of biblical narrative and theological concepts.” Many of us in IFES [minister] in situations of poverty, oppression and even war. It is impossible to separate what

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New Chair of Wesley Studies Appointed



▲ Dr. Howard A. Snyder

Tyndale Seminary announced the appointment of Dr. Howard A. Snyder as Distinguished Professor, Chair of Wesley Studies, effective July 1, 2007.

Dr. Snyder, a well-known author and educator, comes to Tyndale from Asbury Theological Seminary where he has served for the past 10 years as Professor of the History and Theology of Mission in the E. Stanley Jones School of World Mission and Evangelism. Previously he taught at United Theological Seminary and has pastored in Chicago and Detroit. From 1968 to 1975 he served as pastor and seminary professor in São Paulo, Brazil with the Free Methodist Church.

Among Dr. Snyder's highly acclaimed and influential books are *The Problem of Wineskins* (1975), *The Community of the*

King 1977 (rev. ed., 2004), and *The Radical Wesley and Patterns for Church Renewal* (1980). He is also the editor of *Global Good News: Mission in a New Context* (Abingdon, 2001) and co-author with Daniel V. Runyon of *Decoding the Church: Mapping the DNA of Christ's Body* (2002).

Recent works include *Populist Saints: B. T. and Ellen Roberts and the First Free Methodists* (2006) and *Live While You Preach: The Autobiography of Methodist Revivalist and Abolitionist John Wesley Redfield (1810-1863)*, which he edited.

Dr. Snyder is a frequent speaker and lecturer at colleges, seminaries, and conferences around the world. In 1993 he and his wife, Janice, visited 13 countries in Europe, Asia, Africa, and

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Message from the President Brian C. Stiller

From Bible College to University



For the past twelve years, we have worked to build Tyndale as a great centre of Christian higher education. It has taken enormous effort and sacrifice by all to reach this point. First, there was the challenge of eliminating the operational debt. This not only lifted the financial burden, but it gave us room to plan creatively.

Then we moved forward as the college evolved into a university. Historically, the government of Ontario did not allow religious schools that were not government funded to offer anything other than religious degrees. Finally in 2000 they opened the door. Tyndale was given university status four years ago.

Changing the name was vitally important. It created an understanding with our publics, the wider educational community and students as to our calling and vision. We were led to choose "Tyndale" with William Tyndale as our name-sake. An Oxford scholar in the early 1500s, he was the first to translate the Bible from the original Hebrew and Greek into English. A scholar, evangelist, reformer and martyr, his work triggered the English Reformation. His name gives distinction and focus to our entire enterprise.

We then expanded programs at both the seminary and university. A creative and stellar new seminary training called "In Ministry" provided graduate training for those in ministry. A distance-learning program was started. And next year the Doctor of Ministry will accommodate those in ministry who are desirous of deepening their leadership skills.

A business program was launched at the university. We are developing it with a vision to prepare leadership in organization and business, including a track for those with an interest in serving in the not-for-profit world. The Ontario College of Teachers has just completed their accreditation visit and review. We anticipate their approval. We expect the Bachelor of Education degree will be launched in Summer 2008.

The Chinese Ministry Program continues to serve those preparing for ministry in the Chinese church. Last year through the establishment of the Canadian Chinese School of Theology (CCSTTS),

we expanded our capacity to prepare church leadership in the Mandarin-speaking community.

With the Lord's help, for both the university and seminary, we have recruited some of the finest scholars and teachers. These are professionals who are outstanding in their disciplines. They bring to our students a great experience of learning.

In May, we closed on the purchase of the Morrow Park campus of the Sisters of St. Joseph. This magnificent 56-acre property adjoining our current campus provides space that allows us to move out aggressively in the building of our student body.

A solid and effective Tyndale Foundation is an imperative for two reasons. One is the need for the Annual Fund that partially offsets Tyndale's operational costs. This helps to support students by reducing the actual cost of tuition. The other essential role of the Foundation is the facilitation of a capital campaign that will pay for the new campus and provide seed funds for new programs and initiatives. With thanks to the Lord and grateful appreciation to a number of deeply committed friends, we have passed the half-way mark towards the goal of raising \$58 million.

Today, we are in midst of reshaping our enrollment and recruitment plans. We are carefully designing and telling our student communities of the surprisingly affordable opportunities of acquiring an education for life. Tyndale has been an enormous resource to the Christian community. We are taking 113 years of experience, a solid foundation, and on these we are building a strong future.

We have in place strategies for expansion and critical initiatives. All are focused on preparing new generations to passionately serve Christ, commit to his Gospel, and be personally equipped to take on assignments and opportunities as they live out their calling and witness.

Let me personally thank all our friends, alumni, churches and ministry agencies who rely on this great centre of Christian higher education. We are committed to the centrality of Christ, living in the power of the Holy Spirit and working as servants anywhere and everywhere there is need.

Editor's Note

Life is a bitter-sweet pitcher of change

They say when life throws you lemons, one should make lemonade. Instinctively, my first thought is to throw the lemons forcefully back at the offensive source. After all, I never requested lemons! However, as fulfilling as it may seem, it is not usually very easy to identify the source that so deftly sent you a "tree-limb full" of the bitterly sour citrus! If you cannot identify the source, you simply can't hit them.

Frustrated and unfulfilled, I normally tend to my bruises as I survey the lemons lying innocently around me. Rough and bumpy on the outside, they are really quite smooth to the touch. And, are they ever pretty—innocent and harmless in varying shades of green and yellow. Wonders of nature. Then my second nature kicks in usually after my morning devotional, forcing my consciousness to admit that I have to leave some room for the Lord's response and action. It is during this time that I consider turning the lemons into lemonade. Now, I don't know about you, but my choice brew has to be as sweet as it is tangy—with a lot of ice!

My favourite source of sweetness is the dark sugar in which you may find traces of the cane bark. On some occasions, you may even find a few tiny pebbles that survived the processing. For sure, that's the kind of sugar that makes my lemonade—the dark brown sugar that's imported from the West Indies. So it is with life. When life comes at you like unrelenting missiles, it would be best not to stand in the way, aiming to catch them. Dodge them if you can. The next step is to simply analyze the situation, breathe deeply and pray. Pray that the peace of the Lord comes over you in a greater quantity and with greater intensity than ever. Pray to be at once strengthened and restrained by God's guiding love. Pray for wisdom and clarity of focus.

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Tyndale partners with PAONL

Tyndale University College & Seminary and the Pentecostal Assemblies of Newfoundland and Labrador (PAONL) have agreed to form a partnership to provide training for those planning on church and missional leadership in Newfoundland and Labrador.

One of PAONL's main search criteria was to identify an undergraduate program that would equip and educate the men and women who serve in their churches to deepen their biblical understanding and hone their ministry skills. Tyndale, backed by its 113-year tradition of training people for public ministry, responded to PAONL with a plan to meet their goals.

Both sides worked to craft a curriculum and field-training program that fit the PAONL's specific requirements and Tyndale's capacity to train and equip. A special Pentecostal track is being developed at the university. It will combine the main core of biblical and liberal arts courses along with specific training for Pentecostal ministry. A unique feature of the program is that up to one full year may be spent in studying and training within the church community in

Newfoundland and Labrador. Those graduating will not only have either a Bachelor of Religious Education or a Bachelor of Arts, but also will have completed the core requirements in preparation for ordination.

Chair of the PAONL Education Committee, Pastor Clarence Buckle, remarked, "This is an important partnership for us. It provides capacity to meet our mission. Tyndale [will] equip our young men and women to serve the Lord Jesus Christ with passion and relevance. We are excited with this venture. It creates a theological program in Pentecostal Studies wherein our students will be educated within our church theology. This increases our capacity to make relevant the gospel in the public square. In short, this program under this partnership is academically excellent, culturally relevant, distinctively Pentecostal and pastorally focused."

President Stiller noted that from inception, Tyndale has sought to be a primary source of

training for pastoral and missional leadership in Canada and worldwide. "As a trans-denominational community, Tyndale treats with utmost respect the denominations we serve. This partnership is an expression of that commitment. We expect in time to create partnerships with other denominations, which require theological and ministry-training tracks to meet their goals and objectives."

Over the years, Tyndale has provided specific training for denominations who chose to partner with it. For example the Wesley Chair at Tyndale Seminary is jointly-funded by the Salvation Army, the Free Methodist Church in Canada, the Brethren in Christ and the Wesleyan Church.

"We believe this is a wonderful model, allowing the merging of resources for the very best of outcomes," added President Stiller.

The PAONL/Tyndale partnership will formally begin in Fall 2008.

Faculty Honoured with Excellence Awards

Dr. Eric Crouse, Associate Professor of History at Tyndale University College, and Alan Grills, Director of the Tyndale Seminary Internship Program, were the recipients of the 2007 Faculty Excellence Awards.

Dr. Crouse received the Excellence Award for Scholarship due to his commitment to publication and research. Dr. Crouse recently authored *Main Street Declarations: Senator Margaret Chase Smith, McCarthyism, and Cold War America in the 1950s*. He is also the author of *Revival in the City: The Impact of American Evangelists in Canada, 1884-1914*. Dr. Crouse has also written several scholarly articles.

"It is a wonderful honour to be chosen the recipient of the Faculty Scholarship Award," said Dr. Crouse.

"Looking back at the past three and a half years, I can say that Dean Scott, Provost Davey, President Stiller, and others have provided keen interest in, and outstanding support for, my research."

Grills, Joint Coordinator of the Pastoral Ministries Program at Tyndale Seminary, received the Faculty Leadership Award for outstanding service to Tyndale, the Church and the wider community. Grills has been at Tyndale since 1995, when the school was just emerging from fiscal difficulties. Grills has concluded his distinguished service at Tyndale. He plans to focus on executive coaching and consultation with pastors, leaders, and ministry organizations.

"I thank you for this honour and I receive it with sincere thanks," Grills said. "It represents the collective service, passion and vision that each of us gives and has for Tyndale."

The awards, funded by the Maranatha Foundation, are designed to recognize and promote the professional development of Tyndale faculty. Recipients are selected by their peers and receive the awards at the annual faculty awards banquet. This year's banquet was held on March 5 at the Bayview Country Club.



▲ Alan Grills and Dr. Eric Crouse receive awards of excellence.

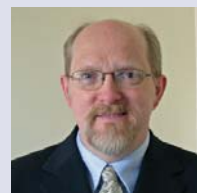
New Faculty Appointed

Robert Shaughnessy has been appointed as Assistant

Professor of Christian Ministry and Director of the Internship Program at Tyndale Seminary. His areas of specialization include Pastoral Ministry, Pastoral Counselling, Mentorship and Leadership Development.

Dr. Shaughnessy brings a breadth of experience that features 21 years of full-time pastoral ministry. He has served as a pastor in a small town, senior pastor in a city, senior pastor in a multiple-staff city church, pastor in a church plant congregation, and senior chaplain/pastor and senior administrator at an international multicultural school in India. He has led numerous retreats and workshops. He has intentionally focused on attaining insights, and developing skills, in the area of counselling. His passion is journeying with individuals and groups into a deeper understanding of life, faith and service as followers of Jesus Christ. Dr. Shaughnessy is an ordained pastor in the Baptist Church of Ontario and Quebec.

In 1981, Dr. Shaughnessy earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Bishop's University. Subsequently, he graduated from McMaster Divinity College with MDiv and MRE degrees before successfully defending the Doctor of Ministry at Acadia Divinity College in the year 2000.



▲ Robert Shaughnessy

Oswald J. Smith: Fire in His Bones

A large part of Tyndale's legacy, current mission and continued vision is the sending of missionaries around the world. Former Tyndale student, renowned pastor, hymn writer and evangelist, Oswald J. Smith, exemplified this commitment to missions.

With this commitment in mind, Tyndale dedicated the Oswald J. Smith Hall of Mission on Tuesday March 13, 2007. Special guest speaker and Senior Pastor of The Peoples Church, Dr. Charles Price, and family members of Oswald J. Smith joined students, faculty and staff in a special chapel service to commemorate Smith's life and vision for missions.

A graduate of Tyndale—then Toronto Bible College—Smith was an evangelist who ministered passionately to congregations around the world. He founded Cosmopolitan Tabernacle in 1928 in Toronto. It later became The Peoples Church. A gifted writer, he wrote more than 1,200 hymns and published more than 30 books. These are still being published and read worldwide today. A powerful speaker, his most well-known saying, "Why should anyone hear the Gospel twice before everyone has heard it once?" best characterized his desire to share Christ with the world.

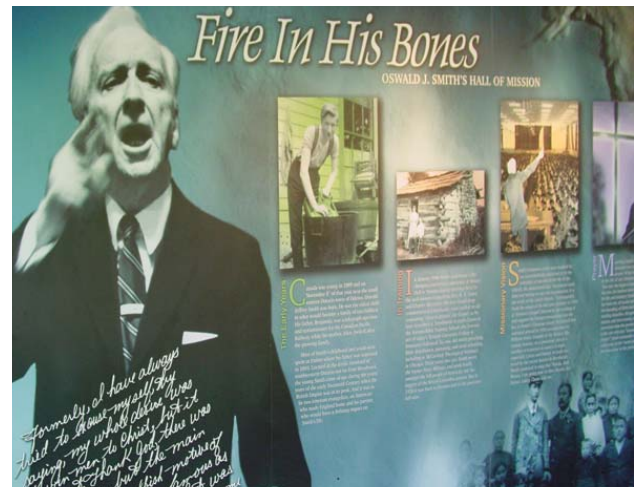
His passion to travel and share Christ was not as easy as Smith had hoped. Plagued with poor health for most of his life, he was refused appointment by mission agencies. How then can you explain Smith's success in ministry? "Smith, working from his weakness, showed to us what God will do through creative and alternative responses to disappointments," said President Stiller. By

the time of his death in 1986, Smith had toured over 70 countries.

In his dedication message, Dr. Price shared his own personal fear of public speaking, which caused him to wrestle with his decision to pursue ministry. The fire to speak about Christ, however, was just too great and he overcame his fears. "Passion comes out of weakness," Dr. Price said. Smith, despite his poor health, found ways to engage in missions work. If he could not go to where he was needed, then he arranged for substitutes.

Following the chapel service, students, faculty, staff and special guests moved across the school to the Hall of Mission. The new mural dedicated to Smith was unveiled to thunderous applause. The mural includes

"...his word is in my heart like a fire, a fire shut up in my bones." (Jeremiah 20:9)



▲ The Mural

photographs with Billy Graham and illustrates Smith's many journeys around the world, at different stages of his life.

"I'm overwhelmed," said Dr. Glen Smith, Oswald J. Smith's son, as he stood with his wife Kay, gazing at the mural. Research was prepared by Clara Caddell and Lenora Grams. The narrative was then written by Dr. Brad Faight, Associate Professor of History at the university.

But what does all of this mean for Tyndale? How can the Hall of Mission be relevant to Tyndale students? "There are times in the history of the people of God when a person is raised up to call the people to a new paradigm, a new way of thinking," said President Stiller.

Dr. Price challenged Tyndale students, "Who will be the next Oswald J. Smith? Who will reach out across the oceans to share the message of Christ with the same determination and passion as Smith?" He encouraged students to pray for that same "fire" Smith had discovered.

The Hall of Mission stands as a reminder that Tyndale's core mission is to equip its students to have that same "fire in their bones."

—Rachel Collins



▲ At the unveiling of the Oswald J. Smith Hall of Mission is (l-r) Charles Price (Senior Pastor of The Peoples Church), David and his wife Pauline Boggart (Pauline is granddaughter of Oswald Smith), Sylvia LaFleur (niece of Oswald Smith), Kay and her husband Glen Smith (Glen is the son of Oswald Smith), and Brian Stiller (Tyndale's President).

Love must reflect Justice

Love and justice are complex issues. They've been debated for centuries. With this in mind, Tyndale invited Dr. Nicholas Wolterstorff to deliver the Honeyman Lectures at Tyndale on March 6 and 7.

Wolterstorff is the Noah Porter Professor of Philosophical Theology at Yale Divinity School. The Honeyman Lectures were well attended by the Tyndale community as well as faculty and students from other Ontario universities and members of the public.

Wolterstorff's remarks centred on the concepts of love and justice. He asked whether the "agapism" of modern theological ethics is compatible with the Christian commitment to justice. True agapism cannot be contrary to justice. God requires both, and an agapism that is indifferent to justice is morally repugnant, Wolterstorff said.

Some theologians, called "agapists" (such as Anders Nygren), maintain the concept of love involves a benevolence that supplants justice. Wolterstorff argued that any Christian justice should be grounded in a respect for the worth of each human person, a worth that is grounded in God's creation and His love for us. Far from viewing love and justice as incompatible, Wolterstorff



▲ Dr. Nicholas Wolterstorff

argued that Christians need to have a unified understanding of love. This involves advancing the well-being of others, along

with treating them justly.

During the question and answer period that ensued, Wolterstorff was challenged on his exegesis of various New Testament passages. He argued that at least some of the references to "righteousness" in our English translations of the New Testament are actually references to "justice" (*dikaiousunē*) that have been mistranslated. But Wolterstorff's argument did not require a particular exegesis of the New Testament. He was making an ethical claim about the nature of love (i.e., that true love must be compatible with justice). And so, even if Wolterstorff's exegetical remarks had missed the mark, the thrust of his argument could still remain valid.

The Honeyman Lectures were a tremendous success: from the point of view of the audience, who enjoyed Wolterstorff's engaging presentations, and from Professor Wolterstorff's point of view. He spoke in glowing terms about the faculty of the Department of Philosophy and their education of the undergraduate philosophy majors. Given such a tremendously successful lecture series, we are all eagerly awaiting next year's Honeyman Lectures.

—Jennifer Hart Weed, PhD and David Busuttill, BA (Philosophy) student

Tyndale Centre For Leadership Forecasts Change

How do we enter into the next 30 years of leadership in the Church?

"We do so by respecting those we seek to lead. This means listening to them, allowing their voices to be heard and finding ways to incorporate their style into the church.

"Today's generation of young people (I am referring to Gen X, Gen Y and Millennials) have needs that are far different from what you and I grew up being accustomed to." Leith Anderson, Senior Pastor of Wooddale Church in Minnesota, USA shared his views with Jacqueline Getfield,

Managing Editor of *Connection* during a break at the Leadership Advantage conference held at Tyndale, February 23-24.

How do we change? How do leaders change to embrace and not ostracize this younger generation with whom we seem to have so little in common?

Anderson replied, "Today's church leaders should observe, look, listen, adapt and blend. There are different levels of change but the real constant is the truth. How we choose to communicate the truth is directly related to how we will reach, attract and retain the

interest of the new generation. We can and should change the language." He explained that Vatican II's switch from officiating in Latin mass to using the present-day languages of the various parishes is indicative of such change to accommodate the youth.

Professor of Pastoral Ministries at Dallas Theological Seminary in Texas, Dr. Aubrey Malphurs, also spoke at the conference. He focused primarily on board governance. Conference participants worked



independently and in groups to delve into matters such as how the board makes or breaks a ministry or church.

Executive Director of the Tyndale Centre For Leadership Dave Collins said, "The conference was very successful. Our goal was to provide training for pastors and their boards and we did just that. One young pastor who had his entire board with him told me it was the most helpful conference he had ever been to. I want to thank all of the volunteers who helped make the Leadership Advantage such a great success."

—Jacqueline Getfield





The Making of a University

Tyndale—a metamorphosis

Editor's Note

Whether it is a marriage or an adoption, a merger or an acquisition, a re-branding or the promotion of an entirely new product; a new name signifies change for all concerned. The new name is a constant reminder that there is a newness of being and a resulting shift in focus or priority. While understandably, it is often difficult to embrace change (in focus and philosophy) instantly, it is equally difficult in the short term for everyone to recall the new name!

So it has been with Tyndale University College. This new name reflects a change in philosophy and focus. For this transformation to be successful, however, it is imperative that everyone who works, teaches, administers, governs or studies at Tyndale understands the new pedagogy and philosophy that anchors the university.

In this issue of *Connection*, we aim to shed more light on the essence of Tyndale (the university) and in so doing show how it differs from that of Tyndale (the seminary) or a Bible college. On the following pages, the thoughts expressed by our faculty, staff and students further elucidate Tyndale's vision and mission, and explain its "positioning" as Toronto's Christian university.

In the upcoming Winter 2007/8 issue of *Connection*, we plan to publish a special feature on the Seminary.

We'd love to get your feedback on how you believe the flavour of Tyndale has been and will be forever enhanced by these changes. Email us at connection@tyndale.ca. Let's connect.

Thirty students received the Bachelor of Arts degree at the 2007 graduation ceremony. What makes them so special? They were the first cohort of students to earn their four-year BA degrees at Tyndale since it was given a provincial charter to offer the BA in the Arts, Business Administration and the Social Sciences. Paul Henderson, the graduation speaker, delivered the main address and so a hockey analogy is appropriate to describe the making of a university.

yet this diversity of students who study in a variety of academic disciplines finds unity in the understanding that "in Christ are found all of the treasures of wisdom and knowledge" (Colossians 2:3). Tyndale students are educated and equipped, as our mission claims, "to serve the world with passion for Jesus Christ" through classes that intentionally and critically link academics and faith, through chapel services, community service projects and short-term mission trips. It is rewarding to see Tyndale graduates receive letters of admission to graduate programs and



"The challenge for orthodox schools is to keep faculty standards high in the traditional areas of teaching, scholarship and service. But even more of a challenge is to acquire the kind of talent needed to integrate faith and learning well."

Head coach and general manager of Team Canada, Harry Sinden, assembled a remarkable team in 1972 that included not only Paul Henderson, but also Phil Esposito and Ken Dryden. Tyndale, in like manner, has assembled an outstanding faculty over the years. Hired with doctoral degrees in hand, the faculty are committed to classroom teaching excellence and first-rate scholarship. The difficulty for Christian universities is to select faculty with academic and faith qualifications, says Robert Benne in his book *Quality with Soul: How Six Premier Colleges and Universities Keep Faith with Their Religious Traditions*. In Benne's words, "The challenge for orthodox schools is to keep faculty standards high in the traditional areas of teaching, scholarship and service. But even more of a challenge is to acquire the kind of talent needed to integrate faith and learning well."

While faithful faculty are key to making a university, there would be no school if it were not for students. Tyndale students are ethnically, denominationally and culturally diverse. And

employment offers in their chosen careers.

While faculty and students are integral to the making of a university, a third vital component is a rigorous program of study that includes a broad foundation in the liberal arts, a choice of eight majors and the equivalent of a minor in Religious Studies (Bible and theology). In the first year, students are exposed to a Great Books curriculum. This interdisciplinary approach to philosophy, history and English allows students to thoroughly grasp and critique "the shaping of the western mind."

Henderson's goal in 1972, to borrow the words of the Canadian rock group Tragically Hip in their song "Fireworks," is "the goal everyone remembers." The Summit Series is a landmark in Canadian cultural history. The hope and prayer is that the making of Tyndale into a university will also significantly influence Canadian history with the goal of bringing glory to God.

—Dr. Daniel Scott is the Academic Dean of Tyndale University College.



The Making of a University

Why Standards Matter

A friend of Tyndale recently asked me, “Does Tyndale set and stick to high academic standards or does it allow the need for revenue to influence the rigours of education?”

To help me respond to this important question I asked four university faculty for their honest and candid opinions.

“The typical criteria used to assess the quality of an academic program are:

1. *The qualification of the faculty. At present, our full-time faculty all graduated from prestigious research universities and we will continue to hire well-qualified professors.*
2. *The quality of teaching/learning. In this area, we surpass public universities because of our total commitment to our students and our dedication to their intellectual and spiritual growth. We are willing to mentor them outside the classroom.*
3. *The quality of our students. This refers to their academic preparedness and their Grade Point Average. We are improving in this area, and will become increasingly selective.”*

—Paul T. P. Wong, PhD, CPsych
Professor of Psychology and Chair of the
Division of Social Sciences and Business
Administration

“Since the BA degree was offered at Tyndale, the quality of the programs has improved and would rank now as competitive with other such programs across the country. The Shaping of the Western Mind liberal arts core curriculum, for example, that anchors Tyndale’s BA, is a carefully crafted and

rigorous program of undergraduate study. The students in it are working at the university level and the academic demands made upon them are the same as one would find at any university in Canada. I can say unequivocally that what is asked of the students in the history courses that I teach at Tyndale is what I asked of the university students I taught [at other institutions].”

—Brad Faught, PhD, FRHistS
Associate Professor of History and Chair of the
Division of Arts

“I began teaching at Erindale College, St. George Campus of the University of Toronto. I have also taught philosophy at York University’s Glendon College. My Tyndale courses are every bit as demanding (and my students every bit as good) as those anywhere else that I’ve taught. I don’t lower my standards for Tyndale students. If anything, I expect more from them.

“Without a doubt, the quality, rigour, and intensity of our university program is on par with what a public research university would offer.”

—Richard Davis, PhD
Associate Professor of Philosophy

“In my opinion, not only are Tyndale’s standards just as high as they were in any of the institutions I’ve studied at (or taught), our curriculum is perhaps more demanding than at public universities. The students I know who have left Tyndale to go to other universities, in every instance, testified that the coursework at the public universities was less demanding and standards lower than at Tyndale. Tyndale not

only equips its students to serve the world with passion for Jesus Christ, it equips them to do so with excellence.”

—Scott Masson, PhD
Associate Professor of English Literature

We are grateful for the quality of professors who offer both university and seminary education. Their loving care for students, and their commitment to the development of both mind and heart compels them in their calling.

I know I speak for us all as we promise parents, students, ministers and our supporting constituency that we will do everything in our power to offer the very best of intellectual and spiritual training and shaping, to prepare our grads for service, vocation and quality living.

—Brian Stiller, President

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“We surpass public universities in the areas of learning and teaching because of our total commitment to our students and our dedication to their intellectual and spiritual growth. We are willing to mentor them outside the classroom.” —Dr. Paul Wong

Open House introduces new university brand

Simply titled the UC Open House, this event held on March 24 attracted about 50 parents and students who came to learn as much as they could about Tyndale’s brand of university education.

After delivering a message on the importance of loving God with all of our minds, Dr. Daniel Wong introduced the Leading Edge program, which combines university education with ministry opportunities.

In his keynote address, “What makes a great student: Lessons for students and parents,” Professor Paul Wong, Chair of the Division of Social Sciences and Business



Administration emphasized Tyndale’s university education as a transformative period of academic learning and spiritual growth coupled with acquisition of professional skills.

Parents and students were introduced to university offerings through concurrent workshop sessions. These included Play Therapy for Children and Adolescents, Business Strategy Games, and Great Books: Learning How to Think

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Big and Aim High. Each department mounted its own booth; by far the most attractive was that of the Department of Business Administration which displayed artefacts and pictures taken on a recent missions trip to Honduras.

Guest speaker, the Rev. Rocky Dundas, challenged the audience with a message on

“Winning in the Game of Life.” Dundas, a former Toronto Maple Leaf and currently an international speaker and pastor at Summit Community Church in Richmond Hill, Ont., emphasized the imperatives of discipline and commitment in the dual roles of university student and follower of Christ.

The highlight of the open house was a trip to the recently acquired Bayview campus.

Parents and students alike were awestruck by the grandeur of the chapel at the new campus. One parent remarked, “Tyndale has a great future as a university; just the beauty and expanse of the campus alone will attract many students.”

Tyndale’s Open House is one of the many current initiatives that promote the institution as Toronto’s Christian university.

What makes a great university experience?



Most people underestimate the value of a good university education. It is more than just a ticket to a better job, or a passport to enter a prestigious profession. A Tyndale university education can have a lasting, transformative impact in so many ways – academically, spiritually, personally and professionally.

But how can one derive the greatest benefit from a Christian liberal arts university like Tyndale? What makes a great university experience? My answers may surprise you.

GOOD QUESTIONS

University education is all about learning how to ask the right questions. From Newton to Einstein, great discoveries have always begun with great questions. Profound questions and insights about the human condition have shaped the whole of western civilization and changed the world.

Tyndale’s Great Books curriculum traces the thoughts of luminaries running from Plato and Aristotle to Dante and Shakespeare and

beyond. By immersing yourself in their wisdom, your mind is stretched, your vision broadened, and your understanding deepened. A liberal arts education can fundamentally change the way you look at things. That is why most leadership positions, including Christian ministry positions, require a university education.

To ask good questions, you need to learn how to think critically, logically, and creatively. Above all, you need to have the courage to question untested assumptions and assertions. What makes university education different from that of a Bible college or community college education is that it empowers you to evaluate all information critically—including your professors’ lectures! A healthy dosage of skepticism is good for the mind and the soul.

Great questions also lead to positive changes in your life. Life poses a series of problems. You need to keep on asking questions not only about academic subjects,

University holds its first Colloquium

Tyndale University College hosted Dr. Kenneth Hart a psychology professor in the doctoral program in Clinical Psychology at the University of Windsor. He presented findings of his most recent research at the first in a new series of academic colloquia to be held at the university. The colloquium, held on April 12, was titled “*Emotional and Spiritual Recovery from Addiction: Testing Secular & Spiritual Forgiveness Therapies.*” As part of the honoured tradition of institutions of higher education, colloquia are free public lectures in which all interested members of the community are invited to discover what new research is being conducted. This lecture was an important and exciting start to a new series of university colloquia, which will continue in the 2007-2008 academic year.



Dr. Kenneth Hart

“The ‘cancer of bitterness’ is destructive for the mind, body and soul of angry people in 12-Step recovery from addiction. It also ruins relationships to others and to God. Perhaps forgiveness can serve as an antidote for ‘white-knuckled’ abstinence,” said Dr. Hart.

In exploring secular and spiritual forgiveness interventions and how they assisted in helping people forgive and seek forgiveness, Dr. Hart sought to find ways to help those struggling with substance addictions become more able and willing to forgive.

The research revealed that it is not enough to tell people who are struggling with addiction that they must forgive and seek to be forgiven. They need to be taught how to forgive. This may be facilitated by using the “steppers” language with which recovering addicts are familiar. The findings also revealed that by

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Exploring Options Targeted to the Mature Student

Many adults want to do serious study but their work, family and ministry responsibilities do not permit them to attend university. These students are often already serving in ministry or are hoping to transition from their current employment into ministry-based vocations. For such individuals, the Degree Completion Program (DCP) is ideal.

It is amazing to watch students come one evening each week with readings done and papers prepared. I sometimes wonder, “What does this whole experience mean to them?” Three DCP students explain:

Mary Journeau

This is an amazing program for adults who want to deepen their faith and walk with Christ. It allows them to receive a degree geared to help them move into the career they want or opens a door to work within ministry. Emphasis is placed on doing a majority of work on your own time in preparation for the once-a-week, four-hour class. The professor comes prepared to teach and to address any questions you may

have. They work with you and others in a warm, spiritual atmosphere. All of the classes start with prayer. This program helps you to make lifelong friends who encourage, support and pray for you along the way. Given I was a professor at another college, I find that what is being taught is in accordance with the syllabus, organized and done extremely well. What I most enjoy is the fact that the professors and director are so willing to coach you or show you in what direction to go. The highlight of my week is looking forward to coming to Tyndale. It's peaceful. It's fun to learn and easy to apply to life what you have taken in at Tyndale.

Don McGlashing

Participating in the Tyndale Degree Completion Program has been a very rewarding experience. It has given me the flexibility of completing a Bachelor of Religious Education degree while continuing to serve in the military. The instruction has been excellent. It has provided the skills and ability for me to transfer into ministry. Continuing or upgrading one's education while being employed has some unique challenges. The greatest influence has been the dedication and support given by the professors and directing staff. This program is challenging and it requires commitment. There

is nothing mediocre about it. I would recommend this program to anyone wishing to enhance their education, whether it is for personal growth or to serve in ministry. The training I received in the DCP has equipped me to make a significant and positive contribution in the body of Christ.

Lise Lalonde

Learning the discipline of time-management has been my best friend. For me, entering in the DCP modular program meant choosing to get up 30 minutes earlier each day so I could be on an earlier GO train to work, have a seat and be able to read, study, meditate and pray. It also meant that I often was faced with difficult choices to make, between doing something exciting and doing something that must be done. While my choice to pursue the DCP at Tyndale meant having to juggle many responsibilities, I never took my eyes off the objective of completing the BRE requirements in just over two years and being equipped for the ministry I feel called to. I have been so blessed in watching God at work in my life, giving me the strength and the determination to bring to completion the undertaking.

—Elaine Becker is Director of the Degree Completion Program.



Reflecting on the Gift of Tyndale

Upon graduating from high school, I had no intention to pursue post-secondary education. It was not because I lacked the desire for it.

It was because I sincerely felt inadequate. However, as is usually the case, my aspiration differed from those of my Father God.

I explored my options at universities, including the University of Toronto, York University, and Ryerson University. However, I was unable to have a peace about being in a place of learning, which did not have spiritual growth as a focus.

As a new Christian, I was yearning for the opportunity to grow in mind and spirit with



fellow followers of Christ. My big sister Tiffany, a recent graduate of Tyndale, encouraged me to pay a visit to the small Christian campus on Ballyconnor Court. I heeded her advice. On the day of my visit, I ended up spontaneously registering for a course which had already begun.

After being in Professor Sears' Survey of English Literature course, I was hooked! God's act of directing me to Tyndale has been, next to salvation, the most awe-inspiring gift He has graciously bestowed upon me. It is awe-inspiring because this Tyndale legacy has lifted my eyes from the floor and onto the

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but also about your own life: who you are, why you are here, and what God has called you to do. If you keep on asking these big questions and seeking the right answers, it will result in more purposeful and fruitful living.

BE PLAYFUL

I have met so many people who look back on their university days as the most enjoyable time in their lives.

Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi is internationally known for his research on “flow”—the experience of being totally absorbed in an activity. He has found that you will lose yourself in the joy of learning when you get into the zone of the “flow.” Generally speaking, combining a high level of skills with a highly challenging task will result in optimal “flow.”

POWER OF POSITIVE ATTITUDE

Life is never full of fun and games. There are times when things get very tough and ugly. You feel overwhelmed by negative emotions: frustration, anger, depression and helplessness. In times like this, you need to maintain a positive attitude. According to most successful individuals, 80% of their success is due to attitude. A mere 20% is due to their natural talent and hard work.

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mighty power of my Lord. This school has not only taught me how to love my God more fully, but also how to better comprehend His love for sinners saved by grace, such as myself.

As I look back on my time at Tyndale, I cannot help but thank my God for the blessing of this home. In the gospel of John, Jesus speaks these precious words to His disciples: “If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him” (John 14:23).

Making excuses never solves any problems.

A positive attitude can carry you through many trying situations. Love, hope and faith are the three pillars of a positive attitude. My course on Positive Psychology, which is being offered in Fall 2007, will examine the role that a positive attitude plays in human flourishing.

CULTIVATE PERSISTENCE

Some students drop a course as soon as they get a bad mark or quit school when things get tough. But how many times can one escape by quitting? What separates winners from losers is whether they persist in situations when most mortals would give up. Refusing to be deterred by adversities, they forge ahead, at times limping and crawling, towards the goal.

The more experience you have in overcoming obstacles, the more persistent you will become in spite of setbacks or difficulties. A university provides a safe environment for you to learn persistence. In fact, academic subjects are called disciplines, because they demand rigorous effort and persistence. Here are some lessons I have learned from my own discipline:

- Never take No for an answer if God says Yes
- Never accept defeat as final
- Failure is only a stepping-stone towards success
- Quitting is never a solution, persistence is
- Nothing succeeds better than persistence
- Live a purpose-driven life

This world of ours abounds with people who are yearning for the comfort and security of a loving home. If only there persisted in the spirit of God’s children an unrelenting ambition to shelter those who remain in the cold — the ignorance of God’s love. In equipping and educating young people in their pursuit of Christ’s teachings, Tyndale is thought by some to be a home for those who love God and who yearn to acknowledge and live out the perfection of God’s Word.

As my journey at Tyndale ends, one which has consisted of a pattern of walking through the ever-too-heavy “chubb door,” being greeted by Maria or Carmelita in my favourite Muffin Shop, spending (little time) obeying a friend’s exercise regimen at the gym, exploring the taste of Greece in the cafeteria, and simply reading my Bible in a place of solitude, I only pray that I am able to offer to the world outside these doors the knowledge invested into my life by Tyndale. It will forever bring me joy to earnestly thank God for those ‘more-than-professors’ and for all that I have learned from my fellow students, especially my fellow English majors, who I have grown to love so dearly! I wish to humbly thank all those who make this university what it is: a place where God is known and cherished for the wonderment that He is.

—Kristin Spino, BA (English) student

Purpose is everything. It provides direction, motivation and meaning to life. One can never succeed in anything without a clear sense of purpose. Everyone needs to be committed to some goal bigger than himself or herself. Who are the role models that inspire you? What is your aspiration?

A university environment provides a perfect setting for you to discover God’s calling. Through exposure to different academic subjects, interaction with your professors, and a variety of extra-curricular activities, you begin to experience God’s invisible guiding hand.

Whatever your dream, whether it includes music, mission, church planting, education, medicine, social work, or counselling, the dedicated, caring, and talented faculty are here to support you and help make your dreams come true.

—Dr. Paul Wong, Professor of Psychology and Chair of the Division of Social Sciences and Business Administration

(Based on a talk given at the UC Open House on March 24, 2007.)

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using the language already available in the various “step” programs (e.g., 12-step Alcoholics Anonymous), such as “we are powerless in our resentments,” people found long-term improvement of their ability to forgive others. They were also more inclined to repent and ask for forgiveness. Further, Dr. Hart also discovered that when using spiritual rather than secular language as part of the forgiveness program, participants had improved attendance rates at the therapy sessions (which could have led to the improved effectiveness of the intervention), and the participants had stronger long-term effects of forgiving specific grudges against particular persons.

Research participants in both secular and spiritual treatment programs enjoyed long-term benefits in terms of their ability to forgive their worst offender and their motivational readiness to repent for their own transgressions. The sustained improvement from forgiveness was, however, greater for clients in the spiritually-oriented forgiveness therapy.

Close to 150 persons attended the public lecture. Among them were faculty and staff from universities across Ontario and mental health service providers or related health-care professionals. They discovered that forgiveness is a difficult process that is essential to addiction recovery.

Two television production crews, TVO’s Big Ideas and the Salt and Light Catholic Television taped the lecture for future broadcast.

—Scott Veenliet, PhD

Graduation Service Heralds Milestone

May 5, 2007 was a historic day, not just for each graduate, but also for Tyndale University College. The 2007 graduation ceremony celebrated the first full class of university alumni. They began as students of the newly-created, four-year Bachelor of Arts degree program in September 2003.

At Graduation 2007, thirty graduating university students became the newest members of Tyndale's alumni body. They walked briskly and confidently across the stage with their hard-earned degrees in hand.

It began formally on June 26, 2003. An act of the Ontario Legislature gave Tyndale permission to offer courses and programs towards the baccalaureate degree in the arts, humanities, social sciences and business. Soon after, the school was renamed Tyndale University College & Seminary. Four years later, after much faculty-student mentoring, individual sacrifice and shared laughter, the Tyndale community, friends, families and relatives, among other well-wishers gathered to congratulate the first



▲ Niven Harrichand was the seminary graduate speaker.

▲ Paul Henderson was the honorary doctorate recipient.

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class that successfully completed a full four-year degree at the university.

Canadian hockey hero Paul Henderson, recipient of the 2007 honorary doctorate, gave the graduates good advice. "You need to have a purpose statement. I've got it down to four words," he said. "I want to be a **godly world change agent**. I pray that God would let me have an impact around the world. Never underestimate what God can do through you."

Henderson is famous for scoring the winning goals in three games of the 1972 Summit Series. He enrolled at Ontario Bible College in 1975. He humoured the grads with, "If God can use a hockey player who played many years without a helmet, then he can surely use you." He added, "I would encourage you to pursue a deep relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. You want to walk with the Lord. I really believe when you walk with the Lord that would express intimacy and obedience. Find yourself some great mentors. You'll never get there by yourself."

Over the years, Henderson has capitalized on his hockey fame to spread the message of Christ. He established the Leadership Group with three men in 1985. It has now grown to more than 90 groups of men across Canada. They gather to

encourage, instruct and guide each other.

On behalf of university students, Andrew Fulford, a BA Religious Studies (Honours) graduate, reflected on his years at Tyndale: "I learned that blessings come through struggle, that if you honestly listen to the opinions of others, to facts that are uncomfortable to you, and you do not hide your head in the sand, all that can happen is that you become stronger."

Fulford said that the world does not need "apathetic tolerance, imperial arrogance or omnivorous consumerism." It needs the Gospel, so he encouraged his fellow graduates to explore all truths together for the glory of God and for the good of humankind.

An enduring memory for Fulford is the way faculty and students were examples of Christ. When his father passed away two years ago, faculty showed him love and compassion, something he values to this day.

"The concern that the teachers and staff at this school have for the students here, a concern for them as real people and not as random numbers, is something that I know to be rare in the world of higher education, and is also something I'm incredibly grateful for," he said.

Seminary MDiv graduate Niven Harrichand delivered a stirring talk about the

transforming power of God. He recalled how he had decided not to attend Tyndale as he was determined not to become a minister, like his father and grandfather. Today, he is studying for ministry and preparing to pursue ThM studies at Tyndale this fall.

"Jesus is the builder of the church. It is His church, not ours," Harrichand said. "You may have a Master of Divinity, but as one professor reminded me, in no way have you or I mastered The Divinity, nor can we ever master Him. We are not masters. Rather, we are servants."

Some graduates feel the pressure of the world on their shoulders and try to be great, Harrichand noted. However, this is not an ideal prescription for what Christ has planned for us.

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"Don't try to be great, try to be faithful," Harrichand said. "Don't ever underestimate the impact your faithfulness can have on one life. May Christ be our example. He did not seek greatness, but servanthood."

For the Tyndale family of students, faculty and staff, May 5, 2007 will be duly highlighted in the annals of the Tyndale story.

—Jacqueline Getfield and Kevin Gonsalves

Graduation Moments & Memories



▲ Seminary Academic Dean Janet Clark and graduate Karen Ko, MDiv Counselling.



▲ ThM Director Dennis Ngien hoods ThM graduate John Chan.



▲ MDiv Counselling graduate Purple Yip with Assistant Professor of Sociology and Social Work Bernice Moreau.



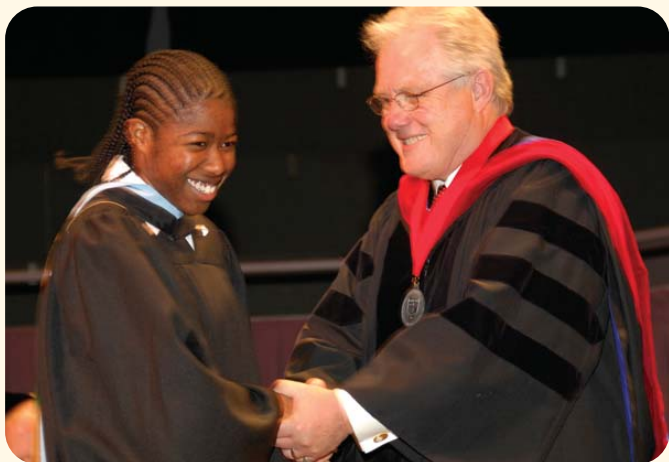
▲ Graduates (l-r) Nathan Dirks (BA Religious Studies, Hons), Mark Hauch (BRE Youth Ministry), Geoffrey Millar (BRE General Ministries) and Ryan Feeney (BA Psychology).



▲ Tyndale VP Alumni Relations & Corporate Communications, Larry Willard is joined by (l-r) Scarborough Gospel Temple (SGT) alumnus and Scholarship Trustee Dale Patterson, Tyndale student Matt Sampson, and Jim and Isobel Crawford, former youth counsellors at SGT. Sampson is the winner of the first Jim and Isobel Crawford Youth Leadership Scholarship.



▲ BA Psychology graduate and gold medal winner Karla Belfon.



▲ President Stiller congratulates BRE General Ministries graduate Chenietta Hudson.



▲ BA Religious Studies graduates (l-r) Brad Longard, Danielle Jupp and April Jeffs.



University College Academic Dean ►
Dr. Daniel Scott congratulates BA
Philosophy graduate and gold
medal winner Angela Huxtable.



BA Human Services graduate ►
Tasha Castagnier.



◀ MDiv Educational Ministries
graduate and North American
Professors of Christian
Education winner Carl Chu
with President Stiller.

▼ Psychology professors (l-r) Paul
Wong, Lilian Wong and Scott
Veenvliet.



▲ President Stiller congratulates MDiv Counselling
graduate Rolla Husni.

Distinguished Alumni



▲ Seminary Academic Dean Janet Clark presenting to Lynn Smith.

Tyndale Seminary – Lynn Smith, MDiv 1991

Lynn entered the counselling program at Tyndale Seminary in 1983. During her years of study, she worked as Associate Dean of Students, initiating a program of student leadership and spiritual formation. She later became Dean of Students and then Vice-President of Student Development. Questions raised by students about the role of women in the Church inspired her to study the issue. The result of this study was the book *Gender or Giftedness*, available in English, German, French, Arabic and Croatian, with a culturally-adapted publication in India.

As a representative of the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada (EFC) to the World Evangelical Fellowship in 1992, Lynn was invited to speak and teach on the topics of gender, leadership and mentoring in Canada, New Zealand, Germany, Czechoslovakia, India and Croatia. She served on the EFC board from 1993 to 1997.

Lynn is married to Rev. Roger Smith. Over the years, she has held various leadership positions at Immanuel Baptist Church in Toronto. Recently, she created an equipping team that helps individuals develop leadership abilities.

Since retirement from Tyndale in 1999, Lynn continues to help Christian women to become more effective leaders. She is a co-founder of NextLEVEL Leadership. This organization has a vision of seeing Canada transformed through the influence of godly women in decision-making positions. Now an international organization, it aims to help women around the world to “find their voice and influence their world.”

Lynn recently published a book in German, *Mentoring: Leaving a Legacy*. Her record of excellence has not gone unnoticed. In 2006, she received the Leading Women Award for Education, Training and Development at the national Leading Women conference. Today, she continues her dedicated service to Christ and finds great joy in mentoring others in leadership.



▲ University Academic Dean Daniel Scott presenting to Terry Tiessen.

Tyndale University College – Terry Tiessen, BTh 1964

A child of missionary parents, Terry Tiessen grew up in India. He came to Canada to attend London College of Bible and Missions and graduated in 1964. One year later, he married LCBM classmate, Gail Robinson, with whom he had four children.

Terry completed additional degrees at Wilfrid Laurier University (BA), Wheaton College graduate school (MA), Westminster Theological Seminary (ThM) and Ateneo de Manila University (PhD). His teaching ministry began at LCBM (1967-1968) as a lecturer in Greek and Philosophy. The following year, he held a missionary internship position in Michigan.

Following this, he and his wife went to the Philippines as missionaries with SEND International. There Terry taught theology at Asian Theological Seminary while assisting in church planting, serving in mission leadership and being a member of the theological commission of the Philippine Council of Evangelical Churches. After leaving the Philippines in 1986, Terry continued to serve SEND International as a member of the Canadian Board, the International Executive Board and the International Council.

In 1986, Terry was appointed as Vice-President for Academic and Student Affairs at Ontario Bible College, a position he held until 1989. Terry then moved to Providence College and Seminary to teach theology until his retirement and appointment as Professor Emeritus of Systematic Theology and Ethics in July 2006.

During his years of teaching, Terry authored three books (*Irenaeus on the Salvation of the Unevangelized*; *Providence and Prayer: How Does God Work in the World?* and *Who Can Be Saved: Reassessing Salvation in Christ and World Religions*). He wrote numerous academic essays and journal articles and presented papers at a number of theological society meetings in Canada, the United States and England. He also guest lectured at Western Conservative Baptist Seminary, Portland, Oregon; Associated Canadian Theological Schools, Langley, B.C.; Tyndale Theological Seminary, Badhoevedorp, Netherlands and Tyndale Seminary, Toronto. He was Visiting Scholar at Wycliffe Hall, Oxford (1995-1996), Research Fellow at Yale Divinity School and Senior Mission Scholar at the Overseas Ministry Studies Center (2001).



▲ Golden Milers: Bob and Joyce Irvin, Clarence and Pearl Shelly, Bill and Margaret Paterson, Ruth Roech, Jim Lewis, Jacob and Angus Dick, Esther Grant, Bill Forrest, Corrie Hubert, Stanley Walker, John and Marian Ford, Mary Moyer, Ruth Simmons.

Golden Milers Celebration

The Class of '57 Reunites

The graduates of 1957 celebrated their 50th anniversary as members of the Tyndale Alumni Association. They were honoured guests at the graduation chapel and spent the entire day fellowshiping together at the school.

Laughs were shared as humorous moments were vividly recounted. Many other wonderful memories demonstrated the formative power of Christian education and the influence of the close community that the Golden Milers experienced during their years at Tyndale.

Nearly all of the 1957 graduates who lived within an hour and a half drive attended the reunion. The Shellys flew in from Quebec. Those who could not come were genuinely missed, yet their letters of greeting to the group were warm reminders of old friendships.

Though many of the 1957 graduates have passed on, many others are still actively serving the Lord. Their letters testify to lives fully and well lived. Their collective influence reaches many corners of the earth.

Tyndale was indeed blessed by the presence of those who have “gone before” and who continue to support and pray for our school. Their presence on the campus was a reminder of our godly heritage and an encouragement to model the same life of service.

Bonnie Moeckel ...transforming through translating the Word

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French, German, and Latin were my favourite subjects in high school. In grade 11, I decided I wanted to become an interpreter with the government and picked out a secular university that would lead to that career path. Then God stepped in!

At a Billy Graham film, I received Jesus as my Saviour. The woman who counselled me had been a missionary and when she heard of my love for languages asked, "Have you heard of Wycliffe Bible Translators?" I hadn't, but my interest was immediately piqued.



▲ Alumni Bonnie Moeckel talking with workers.

The church I joined was very missions-minded and I told the Lord that if He wanted to use me in missions, I was willing. So, in the fall of 1972, instead of pursuing a Bachelor's degree in linguistics at a university in Sudbury, Ontario, I was excited to be at Ontario Bible College in Toronto. I enrolled in a Bachelor of Theology program as a missions major.

I regard those four years at OBC as some of the best of my life. I loved the Bible, missions, hermeneutics and Greek courses. The Lord used

each one to prepare me for the ministry He had for me. During the annual missions conferences, I talked with representatives of various missionary organizations. Eventually, it seemed that Wycliffe was indeed God's plan for me. I believed he had gifted me in languages for a reason, and Bible translation seemed to be it.

In the summer of 1976, just after graduation, I studied with the Summer Institute of Linguistics, Wycliffe's training arm, where I was accepted as a member of Wycliffe Bible Translators. I was—and continue to be—very thankful for the excellent grounding in phonetics that I received at OBC.

During my third training session, I met my future husband, Barry Moeckel, a high school teacher from Michigan, USA. The Lord brought us together to serve as Bible translators in a truly unique combination of language-related and support personnel. We were challenged to use many of our gifts and abilities.

We were assigned to Papua New Guinea—arguably the most linguistically diverse country in the world! For two years, we lived and worked with the people group Ukarumpa. Barry taught high school and I worked as a translation consultant.

A previous team had already translated 25% of the New Testament. With assistance, I translated the books of Jonah and Ruth. I mentored Junny Juagu, a Bukiyip man in the first module of the translation training course for Papua New Guineans. In 1994, Junny and his cousin Andy Nawatim completed the New Testament.

Since 2002, I have been increasingly involved

with training and consulting. It is a privilege to help to train dedicated Papua New Guineans in principles of translation, as well as in introductory Hebrew. Often the languages and cultures of Papua New Guinea are closer to those of the Bible, especially the Old Testament, than to English and Western cultures. So the more direct access Papua New Guineans have to the biblical source, the better their translations. The Greek I learned at OBC, and continue to build on, is invaluable as I check translations of New Testament books for exegetical accuracy.

Barry, meanwhile, has continued to teach the children of translators and other co-workers. This enabled kids to remain near their parents throughout high school.

As I reflect on how my years at OBC have had a continuing impact on my life and ministry, I remember the godly professors and their love for the Lord and His Word, and the exposure to people from a diversity of theological persuasions who respected each other. This exposure proved relevant as we related to fellow missionaries from a variety of denominations, as well as to Papua New Guineans with different church affiliations.

I'm so thankful for God's gracious leading throughout my life, including using OBC to equip me for my role in advancing His Kingdom.

—Bonnie (née Coker) Moeckel BTh 1976 is a Wycliffe Bible Translator. She works in Papua New Guinea, a country with over 800 indigenous languages. You may contact Bonnie and Barry at barry_moeckel@sil.org.

Missionary Updates

Anne Gammon-Crapp, Dipl. 1947
After graduating from Toronto Bible College, I joined the South Africa General Mission. I spent a year in Portugal learning Portuguese. I then sailed for Angola, Portuguese West Africa, where I was involved in nursing and working in a leper colony—a great learning experience. Afterward, I was allocated to a very isolated mission station where I was involved in school work.

Toward the end of that first term, I met and married Walter Gammon. He was born in Angola, the son of British missionaries. I severed my connection with the SAGM and joined Walter in his work with Echoes of Service in Britain and the Canadian Mission Service committee connected with the "Brethren." The main thrust of our work involved planting churches and establishing schools and a medical clinic in the surrounding villages of Angola.

When the civil war escalated, the embassy suggested that we relocate for safety. So in 1968, we moved to South Africa. There we became involved in a prison ministry and established a Bible correspondence ministry. We made a number of visits back to Angola to encourage the believers and helped to establish a church in one of the townships near Cape Town. I also became involved in Christian women's clubs and hosted home Bible study groups—all of which continue to this day.

My husband passed away in 1995. I continued with various ministries in South Africa until 2000, before returning to Canada to retire. Our mission calls retirees "Refocused Missionaries" because there are so many ways in which we may still serve the Lord here on the home front, as long as health permits.

I receive invitations to share

experiences from our 50 years of missionary involvement, as well as give devotional and missionary challenges to ladies' groups. So in spite of retirement, I am very much involved in an active ministry.

Dave, BRE 1996 and Stephanie (nee Phillips), BRE 1995 Young have two boys, Dakota (5) and Ty Menaig (4), and live in Kingston, Ontario. They are busy with their home business and ministering to North America's First Nations Peoples.

Both minister part-time with Brokenwalls Ministries, an international First Nations music ministry headed by Jonathan Maracle of Tyendinaga (Mohawk) Territory. Stephanie is their office manager, while Dave serves in areas of photography and youth ministry, focusing primarily on Northern Ontario's Anishinabek (Ojibway) Nations.

In the past two years, Dave has contributed to two books and a national magazine article. The first

book is *Looking Forward: Facing the Future in Ministry, Missions, and the Church*, by Jamie Arpin-Ricci, a Youth with a Mission training manual. The second book is *Rise Up: Shaping the Future of Indigenous Ministry Through Cross-Cultural Partnership*, by Anita L. Keith of the Canadian Bible Society. The latter is for use by the North American Institute for Indigenous Studies as a training manual for both native and non-native ministry and educational leaders.

Dave is very grateful for receiving great privileges and honour among North America's First Nations peoples. His highlights include being adopted by families and communities and being invited to share his testimony live on Wawayta Radio (Canada's national Aboriginal radio station). These experiences, along with his exposure to other First Nations people, have granted Dave the unusual opportunity of educating and equipping non-native leaders and missionaries.

Alumni Updates

Rob Datema, BTh 1984 is the Executive Director of The Lighthouse on Bathurst Street. He began his work on October 1, 2006. The Lighthouse ministers to newcomers, refugees and community people, while reaching out to various ethnic communities.

Shirley Funnell, BRE 1960 in July, 2006, completed 40 years with Wycliffe Bible Translators in the Philippines, where she served as manager of the publishing department. She has now returned to Canada and is working as assistant to the director of personnel at the Canada Institute of Linguistics (CanIL), located on the Trinity Western University campus in Langley, BC. CanIL is Wycliffe's training college for Bible translators and literacy workers, among others.

Wendy Hofman, MDiv 2005 recently finished a government contract teaching single youth mothers in an employability program. She wrote, prepared and taught the 330+ hours of curriculum, which covered positive parenting and life skills while developing employability readiness. It was gratifying to hear students speak of increased levels of self-confidence and esteem. Many felt that they had become better parents as a result of the classes.



Judy (nee Nauss) Koepp, BSM 1973 writes:

"It's almost impossible to believe that it has been nearly 34 years since graduating from OBC! The classmates that I have kept in touch with—all music majors—have been a source of great joy, support and sisterhood.

"I've taught music, and been involved as a performer, choir conductor and musical director, over the years at varying locations in the USA: from a Bible college near Rochester, New York to a Christian academy in Plano, Texas.

"My husband Paul and I have

three married children. We're still waiting, with fingers drumming on the table, for grandbabies!

"For the past six years, after working 12 years at the Canadian Consulate General in Dallas, Texas, I have been managing our family's restoration business. I'd love to hear from anyone who attended OBC from 1969 to 1973. Contact me at JKoepp8888@aol.com."

Lorraine MacGregor, Dipl. 1978 has been employed at York University since 1985. Lorraine is the administrator for two of the Consecutive Site Programs in the Faculty of Education. Lorraine is also involved as the worship leader for the Alpha Group at The Peoples Church in North York, where she has worshipped since 1967. She sends warm greetings to her class!

Jeff Stearns, BRE 1999 and wife Jacqueline are still living in Mississauga and attending Chartwell Baptist Church. Jeff is now working for Promise Keepers Canada while Jacqueline is still working for Peel District School Board. They now have four children: Ray (6), Aria (4), Elena (1), and Renae, who arrived December 28, 2006.



Rosablanca Suen, MTS 1986 sends this greeting:

"This is the first time I am writing an update of what the Lord has been doing in my life since I graduated from the Seminary 21 years ago. There are not enough words to count God's goodness and blessings.

"In 1988, my husband and I left Toronto for full-time service in Hong Kong. We began with a two-year intensive pastorate training in the church. Since then we have been serving a local Hong Kong congregation. This has involved pioneering a church

in Sydney and short-term missions to Nepal, Delhi, Calcutta and Ulaan Batoor, Mongolia. Truly our Lord is doing great things among the poor in this world.

"In the last nine years, the Lord has also laid upon our hearts to visit the Holy Land. The first visit, in 1999, sparked off a great fire in our heart for God and His people. Subsequently, we visited Israel, Sinai, Jordan, Egypt, Turkey, Greece and Rome.

"Currently, we are slowly compiling our explorations and adventures with God into a series of DVDs with Bible study guidelines for leaders. See our website: www.passionforjesus.info."



Larry N. Willard, MDiv 1995, Vice-President of Corporate Communications and Alumni Relations at Tyndale University College & Seminary and President of Castle Quay Books Canada, launched a new book before more than 400 enthusiastic people at the World Vision Canada head office on Thursday, May 17. World Vision hosted the launch of the new children's book that focuses on helping children understand the homeless issue. The book, entitled *The Cardboard Shack Beneath The Bridge: Helping Children Understand Homelessness*, is written and illustrated by Tim Huff.

The launch was also supported by dozens of leaders from poverty and homeless group agencies, school boards, and 60 children from local schools who were presented with signed copies of the book. Dave Toyce, President of World Vision, was there to support the book, as was well-known children's entertainer Fred Penner who performed several songs.

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Staying In-Touch

Stay in touch with other Tyndale alumni, hear about special discounts and post your announcements!

All alumni are welcome to sign up for quarterly **Alumni News** via email by clicking on **Alumni In-Touch** at www.tyndale.ca/alumni, where you may also **post messages** or announcements for other alumni. **Alumni In-Touch** allows you to connect with other alumni members through a "verified alumni members only" information database. See the website for details.

Dudley Ward, Cert. 1951 writes:

"In 1968, we began transforming part of an Alpine village into a retreat and counselling centre for Christian workers. We focus on the needs of full-time workers in the French-speaking world, especially Europe and Africa. We are five couples on the team, including a French Christian psychiatrist. Our son now directs the ministry team. Our ministry includes travelling in France and Spain in our motor caravan, loaded with tools to help workers renovate their own homes or to build extensions. Our first book, *Programmed by God or Free to Choose?* will be published by Wipf & Stock, USA. You may reach us at dudley.ward@wanadoo.fr."

In Memoriam

Rev. Dr. M. Roy Gellatly, a 1957 graduate of London Bible Institute, died December 26, 2006 in Lethbridge, Alberta. Beloved husband of Beverly (nee Middlestead), also a 1957 LBI graduate, and loving father of four

children and five grandchildren, Roy served from 1961 to 1998 as a minister of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, which included two tours in Nigeria from 1961 to 1967.



Art and Olive Bazett-Jones both passed away this year. Both were graduates of the class of 1942. Olive and Art passed away on January 2, and February 5, 2007, respectively. They will be lovingly remembered by their four children and spouses, seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Art and Olive grew up in Toronto. Art joined the Royal Canadian Air Force and served in England. They were married by Dr. Boehmer at Calvary Church. Recently, they celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary.

Over the years, they ministered with Gideons, Unevangelized Fields Mission, and Back to the Bible. During retirement, their later years were spent together at McClintock Manor and Nisbet Lodge and ministries at Calvary Church.



Russell Self, a 1939 Tyndale graduate, passed into the arms of Jesus, on February 22, 2007, at age 91, lovingly surrounded by family. Married for 56 years, he was the devoted husband of the late Alice (nee Gleason), a 1946 Tyndale graduate. He was the cherished father of four and dear grandfather to nine.

Born in Vancouver and raised in Toronto, in his teens Russell preached the gospel on street corners and was

a counselor at Pioneer Camp. A great athlete, he was captain of his varsity soccer team and refereed OHL hockey. After completing degrees at Tyndale and other schools, Russell and Alice served 20 years in India with the Presbyterian Church. They then moved to Singapore, Manila and New York with the United Bible Societies.

After retirement, Russell held pastorates across Canada from Fort St. John to Huntsville. He directed global leadership training through Haggai Institute. He travelled to every continent, enthused and passionate about getting the Word of God out to all people. His letters home reflected his true love for family. A life-changing mentor to many, Russell was a highly principled man of unswerving faith in Jesus Christ. To the end, he delighted staff at Cumber Lodge with his warm twinkling smile; the Bible was always in his hands.

Memorial donations were allocated in part to the Russell and Alice Self scholarship at Tyndale University College.

Notable Alumni

Rev. Dr. Wrenfred Bryant ...bridging the racial divide

He was one of Nova Scotia's outstanding civil rights leaders.

When Rev. Wrenfred Bryant received an honorary doctor of divinity degree from Acadia University in 1995, there was an overwhelming and tumultuous response from those who packed Convocation Hall. [It was] a rare tribute for the recipient of an honorary degree. It reflected his high standing in Nova Scotia's black and white communities.

At his funeral in Emmanuel Baptist Church in Hammond Plains, many recalled a life of service as a soldier, community leader, the last pastor at Oceanview Baptist Church in Africville until the community was leveled in 1967, and the first pastor-at-large to be appointed by the predominantly white Atlantic Baptist Convention in 1974.

"He was instrumental in bringing the black and white churches together," said his godson, Rev. Lennet Anderson, pastor at Emmanuel Baptist Church. Bryant was ordained there in 1962.

Among the mourners were members of the Royal Canadian Legion, honouring the chaplain of Nova Scotia command, and uniformed firemen from Hammond Plains, where Bryant was instrumental in helping establish North America's first all-black fire department in 1966.

Last year, the Upper Hammond Plains volunteer fire department amalgamated with the

Hammond Plains department. "It's proof we're not living in the 1960s any more," says Anderson.

The son of immigrants from Barbados, Bryant left school at 14 to care for his siblings when his mother became seriously ill, while his father worked. In his late teens, he attended William Lunn Arts and Trades School in Montreal before enlisting in the Canadian army. He served with the Royal Canadian Electrical Mechanical Engineers in Canada, the UK, Italy and northwestern Europe.

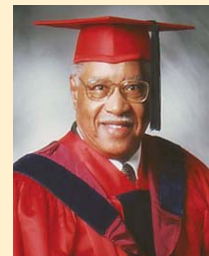
'Remarkable bridge'

After the war, Bryant studied for the ministry and graduated from Ontario Bible College and came to Nova Scotia in 1961.

The 1960s were years of racial turmoil in the United States and Canada.

"(Bryant) has been a remarkable bridge between white and black cultures in Nova Scotia, and he represents the openness of heart and mind that are possible when, in church and community, people accept one another and work together for the good of all without discrimination." Rev. Dr. Andrew D. MacRae, director of the ministry program at Acadia, said in his eulogy.

Bryant was involved in setting up the Nova Scotia Association for the Advancement of Coloured People and he was a founding member of the Black Cultural Society and Centre. He also



Reverend Dr. Wrenfred Bryant a 1949 Tyndale alumnus, passed away on June 1, 2006 at age 82.

served on the provincial Human Rights Commission.

"He was a civil rights leader from the early

days and trailblazer in tearing down the racial divide," says Anderson, who followed him into the ministry and was described as the Renfrew Bryant of 2006 at the funeral.

In 1969, Bryant was appointed assistant to the general secretary of the Atlantic Baptist Convention, and 20 years later was elected vice-president of the convention. In 1990, he became its president.

"If you say it quietly, and don't let too many Baptists hear you," said MacRae. "(Bryant) was a kind of black bishop to the churches on Area 4, which included all convention and African United Baptist Association churches in Halifax County, Eastern Nova Scotia, Cape Breton, and Newfoundland . . . Everybody loved Rennie."

He was remembered as a mediator, a conciliator and "a servant." When his flag-draped casket left the church to the strains of the Last Post, legionnaires in uniform applauded.

—This article was written by John Soosaar and published in Nova Scotia's *The Daily News*, Sunday, June 11, 2006 under the title "Black, white together." Used with permission.

RA Alumni Floor Hockey Day

The annual battle of Tyndale floor hockey, with Tyndale Resident Advisors (RAs) and Tyndale RA Alumni competing, took place again this year on March 31 at the 22nd annual RA Alumni Floor Hockey Challenge.

This year saw the strong team of current female RAs outscore the female RA alumni by a score of 4-1. This broke the alumni's three-year winning streak. The lone alumni goal was scored by former Residence Director Janet Phillips, who with her team mates, played valiantly but couldn't quite match the pace of their younger opponents.

The men's game was a shootout, keeping Jesse James, the RA goalie, and Mike Mathewson, the RA alumni goalie, extremely busy. Led by the unstoppable Kevin Dube with nine goals and ably seconded by Chris Lortie with four goals and five assists, the alumni squeezed out a win, with a 15-14 final score. It was great floor hockey and a wonderful time of reconnecting with "old" friends. Many thanks to all who participated – especially to the alumni members who came to play and to cheer on their comrades. Talk of next year is already filtering through the Tyndale halls and Facebook walls!

Women's Team Sharolyn McLeod, Kaitlyn McCullough, Katie May, Kathy Penner, Bonnie (Bryce) Tice, Ryan Feeney, Christie Murray, Laura James, Michelle Kay, Nyssa Dhillon, Richelle Marchitto, Gloria Mallory, Bekka Ries, Janet Phillips, Tanya Krahn, Rachel (Carson) Boadway and Ashley Saunders.

Men's Team Jesse James, Chris Lortie, Daniel Slade, Mike Mathewson, Josh Philip, Dave Roberts, Andrew Brisco, Micah George, Ryan Feeney, Dave Koevoet, Kevin Dube, Ashley Wiens, George Sweetman, Jon Summers, James Rennie, Andrew Martin, Patrick Sutherland, Matt Marlin and Chris Clements.

Notable Alumni

The Alumni Office is creating a master alumni directory. We are gathering information on alumni—since 1894—who have made a significant contribution to the Church and/or society through their ministry, community service or workplace.

We ask that you submit your name(s), contact information and the name and contact information, along with a short biographical sketch of each notable alumnus. Consider including: > church and mission involvement > positions held > awards, honours, recognition received > degrees, titles earned > contribution to society (humanitarian, political or other) > great obstacles overcome > memories and reflections of your experience at Tyndale.

In time, we hope to make this directory available for your perusal. Thank you for your time and for making this project possible.

Feel free to contact our Alumni Coordinator for further information on this project:

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Tyndale pays tribute to Sabrina Low

May 5, 2007

Dear Sabrina:

Today the Board of Governors inaugurates the *Tyndale Distinguished Service Award*. And who better to receive this first expression of thanks than you, our loving friend and colleague.

When I arrived to a broken and dispirited school in 1995, the Lord knew how much we all needed a person like you. You asked of us nothing. You complained of nothing. You expected nothing. You were here to give—to give of your incredible talents portrayed in your exquisite art and expressed in your loving spirit.

Not only did we find in you a loving and



Sabrina Low 1941-2007

supportive friend, but Tyndale became your friend as well. So often at Tuesday community chapel, you would join students, staff and faculty in worship and praise and the hearing of God's Word. Your joyous face lit up the room and our hearts. In the tough times of trying to make this place work, you were generous in praise and support.

From your extensive networking among artists, you found particular joy in promoting their work and reputation as you served as our official art curator. Here at Tyndale you found a perfect match. For art is not only for beauty, design and appreciation but is itself

pedagogical as a teacher. Each month, we have been favoured with a new art exhibit. We have had our lives and learning enriched by a variety of art—each exhibit exposing the mind of an artist. It is in these passing moments that students—and all of us—stop and with an inquisitive eye, search for ideas and meaning. Sabrina, this has been a great gift.

Just outside the entrance to the Van Norman Worship and Study Centre one's eyes are caught by the uncommon power of a large portrait. Clothed in sixteenth century garb, sitting at a desk, quill in hand and framed by prison bars is your impression of the person after whose name we've chosen for this institution.

William Tyndale, reformer, scholar, translator, martyr, out of his love for the Scriptures and remarkable skill in original languages, translated the Holy Scriptures from their original Hebrew and Greek so the common person could read. It is estimated that eighty-five percent of the King James Version was his translation.

However there is no painting or drawing of Tyndale. We now have this extraordinary gift. Creating in your mind how he might have appeared, you have given us a visage that embodies for us these five centuries later, this great servant of the Lord.

Sabrina, your resilient faith, in the face of medical challenges, never ceases to amaze us. You model for us what we would want of ourselves if we were to face what you face today. Not only is there joy in your reflection on life and its coming promise, but also you call on us all to savor the richness of His calling and presence in this very moment.

Sabrina, you are so loved by us all at Tyndale.

Sabrina, you give such colour and meaning in your art.



▲ Sabrina Low's painting of William Tyndale in prison.

Sabrina, your affection for those within our community is another example of your giving spirit.

Sabrina, your deep affection for the Gospel, your obvious love for your Saviour provide such a model for students as they prepare for life.

We offer this inaugural Tyndale Distinguished Service Award with a simple word of thanks to our Lord for allowing us these moments and miles, journeying together with you.

May you continue to know his life-giving presence in your calling and witness.

With love, a brother,

Brian C. Stiller
President

(This letter of appreciation was delivered at Graduation 2007 prior to Sabrina's passing on July 1, 2007.)

Campolo encourages Change Agents

"It's like mixing ice-cream with horse manure," Tony Campolo, professor emeritus at Eastern University, explained. "While the horse manure may be relatively unchanged, the ice-cream will surely be negatively affected." Campolo was adamant that this is the best analogy he could find to show the expected result when evangelical churches are married to any one political party.

More than 300 guests came to hear Campolo at the President's Dinner 2007 on March 21 in Richmond Hill.

Speaking with *Connection* before his appearance as the featured guest speaker Campolo said, "Every spiritual revival in



the last 300 years was initiated by a university. If there is going to be such a revival in Canada, it has to emerge out of Tyndale."

He explained that Tyndale is strategically positioned to be the catalyst of such a revolution. While there are many universities in any one region of the United States,

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Tyndale is really the university of the east in Canada. There is no other school in the east to help determine how the society should function or to define what a Christian lifestyle is. There is no other to show how the Church should function in the wider society to impact and change society. There is no other so ably positioned and equipped to inspire a generation of leaders. Tyndale is really a training place for those who would permeate all society and facilitate change.

"Tyndale is called to speak the truth to Canada's leaders. So much of Christianity is wrapped up in this institution. We need an alternative vision [to counter] what is currently being offered." He added that Tyndale should position itself to facilitate job creation among the poor. It should encourage the growth and development of micro-businesses and non-profit community-based organizations that will create small businesses and establish cottage industries to help unskilled

disadvantaged groups and peoples.

"We have narrowed our focus, speaking mostly about homosexuality and abortion issues. We have done this to the exclusion of all the other issues that are also very important and affecting the world—issues of poverty, social justice, etc."

Campolo challenged Tyndale. He said, "The big issues are: can we get students to believe that they can change the world or are we simply training people to take their place in society [as it now exists]. Secondly, how will Tyndale—its students and alumni—impact the city of Toronto and its people?"

President Stiller provided an update on the many school developments, including the acquisition of the Morrow Park campus, and the Bachelor of Education degree and Association of University and Colleges of Canada (AUCC) status. As is customary, Tyndale faculty and students including Ashley Saunders, Brad Longard, Greg Reader, Joshua Philip and Karen West shared their experiences and confirmed Tyndale's future as a solid institution of Christian higher education.

Tax Matters

YOUR SELF-EMPLOYMENT CAN HELP PAY FOR YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION

So, your child has just headed off to college or university. There's nothing like three or four years at post-secondary school to prepare your child for the real world. Consider Mathew Robert Damsky, 18, who learned a valuable lesson in July on the campus of the University of Central Florida.

Mr. Damsky admitted to setting a couch on fire with a lighter in a dormitory on campus. Apparently, he thought it was a good way to meet girls since they all had to evacuate the building. Mr. Damsky has been charged with first-degree arson because the building was occupied.

If he's convicted, he faces a maximum of 30 years in prison and a maximum of \$10,000 (U.S.) in fines. He was also placed on academic probation. Turns out there are easier ways to meet girls.

Maybe the lessons your child is going to learn at school will be a little more practical. Gee, you might even be glad that you helped to pay for that education.

Speaking of paying for education, a little self-employment can go a long way. Let me explain.

THE STRATEGY

If you read the Canadian Income Tax Act (which I highly recommend if you're having trouble sleeping), you'll discover that you simply cannot claim a deduction for all of the



costs of your child attending college or university. Sure, you might be able to claim a tax credit for tuition and an education amount, but these credits are capped, and can only be claimed by you if your child can't use them. Further, there are a lot of costs that won't give rise to meaningful tax relief, if any (the cost of food, rent, transportation, and entertainment, for example).

There's a way to indirectly make any costs of education deductible for tax purposes, if you're self-employed.

Consider Mike's example. Mike has a son, Rick, who is attending university this year. This summer, Rick worked in his father's part-time home renovation business. Mike will pay Rick \$15,000 throughout 2006, which Rick will use to pay for his year at university.

How much tax do you suppose Rick will pay on that \$15,000 in wages? Zero, if he has no other source of income. You see, Rick is entitled to personal tax credits which should fully offset the tax on this income. Specifically, Rick is entitled to tax credits based on the following amounts: A basic personal amount of \$8,839 in 2006, education amount of \$3,200 (assumes full-time attendance for eight months at post-secondary school in 2006), and a tuition amount of \$5,000 (assumed amount of tuition). Adding up these amounts means that Rick could actually earn up to \$17,039 in 2006 and pay no tax.

THE RESULT

Here's the overall result: Mike claims a deduction for the \$15,000 in wages paid to Rick, which will save Mike \$6,900 in tax (assuming a marginal tax rate of 46 per cent). Rick has \$15,000 in his bank account, pays no tax on the amount, and now uses the \$15,000 to pay for school. In effect, Mike has claimed a deduction for the amount used to pay for his son's education. And it doesn't really matter what costs Rick uses the \$15,000 to cover; the amount is still deductible to Mike regardless.

If you hope to deduct the salary or wages paid to your child, the amount needs to be reasonable for the services provided. Generally, this will be about the amount you'd pay to an unrelated party to do the same work. You'll be able to justify paying your child more in the year if he or she works during school as well as in the summer.

—Tim Cestnick, FCA, CPA, CFP, TEP is Managing Director of WaterStreet Family Wealth Counsel, and author of *101 Tax Secrets For Canadians* and *The Tax Freedom Zone*, among other titles. tcestnick@waterstreet.ca

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happens in the university from the realities of the wider society when students, faculty and staff have been caught up in the conflicts and tragedies that have overcome their nation.

Ramachandra added that Christians must move beyond their comfort zones to reach those who are not seeking spiritual direction. Too often, he said, Christians create environments that only bring in those who are on the fringes of the church, not those outside the church context. He emphasized that we should follow the example of Christ.

"[Jesus] intruded into conversations started by others and then took the conversations in a different direction," he said. "That is where Christians should be, humbly yet boldly immersing themselves in these conversations. In dialogue, unlike a monologue, we take risks. If you want to have a genuine faith, it has to be tested."

Barbara Haycraft, Dean of Student Life at Tyndale, participated in the plenary sessions. She found them to be very insightful and uplifting.

"When I saw the theme for the conference, I thought it would be well worth the effort to attend as much of the conference as possible," she said. "[It] did not disappoint and definitely stayed on target. The commitment to understand and address the changes needed for effective student ministry in today's world is a task with which every Christian academic arena needs to contend."

Other speakers at the conference included John Stackhouse Jr., A. Donald MacLeod, Andrea Sterk, Howard Louthan, Kelly Monroe Kullberg and Watson Omulokoli.


In the final session of the symposium, delegates were invited to participate in an "open mike" discussion and encouraged to ask questions of the speakers on topics covered. The speaker of the final session was Daniel Bourdenné, the newly appointed General Secretary of the IFES. Bourdenné currently serves as an International Deputy Director of the Lausanne Committee for World Evangelization and has served as IFES Regional Secretary for more than a decade for French-speaking Africa.

Bourdenné focused on the need for evangelicals to take on more responsibilities regarding Christian thinking. We, as Christians, need to find our place again in the heart of the university which is a strategic place. History has shown that there has been a large Christian impact on our society, but, warns Bourdenné, that impact is slowly diminishing. He believes evangelicals have taken a backseat to thought and they must regain their place and bring back a strong influence to the university once again.


Seminary Dean Dr. Janet Clark was pleased with the success of the symposium. She expressed sincere appreciation to Dahlia Fraser, who organized the symposium, and the volunteers who assisted at the event.

"The symposium was a wonderful success with stimulating papers, thought-provoking responses, animated discussion, and rich fellowship with leaders from across the globe," she said. "Congratulations to Professor Donald MacLeod and the organizing committee for hosting a superb event."

—Kevin Gonsalves, Jacqueline Getfield and Rachel Collins



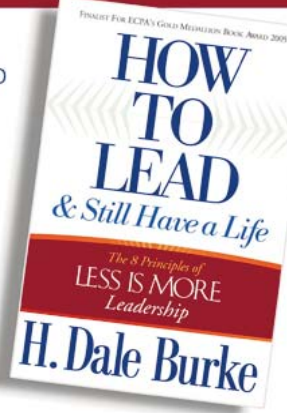
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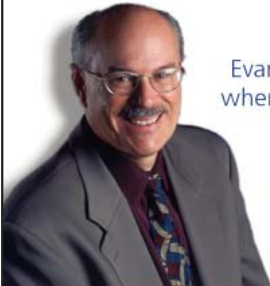


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New Chair of Wesley... —continued from page 1

Latin America, studying the life and renewal of the Church. He is an ordained elder in the Ohio Conference of the Free Methodist Church.

The Installation of Dr. Howard Snyder to the Chair of Wesley Studies will take place on Tuesday, October 16th at 11:45am in the Van Norman Worship Centre with a reception to follow. Dr. Snyder will give the main address. The public is invited.

In order to make Dr. Snyder's Fall 2007 course, "John Wesley and the Mission of God," more accessible to a broad range of part-time and occasional students, it will be offered in an intensive format over two weekends - on October 18-20 and November 15-17 (for more information: www.tyndale.ca/registrar). This course will examine the mission of the church today in terms of the Trinitarian mission of God and draw upon the learnings from the life and experience of John Wesley.

In addition to teaching courses, Dr. Snyder will be involved in student mentoring, academic supervision, ongoing scholarship, and service to pastors and leaders.

Life is a bitter-sweet...

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Then seek out opportunities that provide you with as much sugar and pleasure as you can handle and above all—make every effort to enjoy life!

In this issue, our professors write about the challenges inherent in becoming a university. The journey has been filled with all sorts of lemons. But at the end of the day there is much to be celebrated. Denominationally-diverse students and faculty enjoy the collegial atmosphere, they learn, share, cry and rejoice

together. Collectively, we hold our breath in anticipation and prayer as we await news that inevitably becomes milestone events in our individual lives and in the annals of Tyndale's history. We encourage each other in individual areas of interests and pursuits. We support each other as we engage in scholarly activities, conduct much more research, attend and present at prestigious academic conferences and convene our own colloquia!

If you know of students who would love to take on the challenge of being put through the rigours of academia in an environment that is

at once caring and demanding, then let us hear from you. Call us at 1.877.TYNDAL or 416.218.6757.

Yes, Tyndale is in for some very interesting times as God leads us forward. Take every ounce of pleasure in beating and squeezing those lemons into submission as you extract every ounce from life. Even with the lemons, live life to the fullest.

Till we connect again, let's commit to enjoying a pitcher of cold, natural lemonade, now and then.

—Jacqueline Getfield

Outstanding Year in Sports



2006-2007 was a great year for Sports at Tyndale! Although the teams were faced with the knowledge that the OCCAA League would be folding, nonetheless they played with a competitive edge and lots of heart.

Not content to only play teams in their league, all teams competed against other schools and club teams in Ontario and even in the US. The basketball team travelled to New York and Washington to compete in tournaments. They won both tournaments. The volleyball teams also competed outside of the standard Christian schools match-ups. The men's team played an exhibition game against Seneca and the women's team challenged a club team from Toronto. Within the OCCAA League itself, the volleyball teams took silver, while the basketball team took gold.

Thank you to all the athletes, coaches and fans for a really great year! Our graduating athletes displayed real leadership and we will

miss them greatly. We look forward to future athletic endeavors.

—Jessica Sharpe is the Tyndale Sports Coordinator.



Media Mentions

Dr. Mark Steinacher wrote about the importance of the summer school program in *ChristianWeek's* "Summer Learning Opportunities" segment, April 2007.

Dr. Paul Wong was interviewed by "Take Five," the University of Toronto's radio station, on psychological and social issues surrounding the Virginia Tech shootings. —*FM 89.5 CIUT Toronto*, April 25, 2007

Dr. Paul Wong was interviewed on "The World Program" as a result of his expertise on psychological issues in the Virginia Tech shootings. —*CHQR AM 770 Calgary*, April 24, 2007

Coverage of Tyndale being granted approval to pursue Bachelor of Education degree – "This represents a remarkable opportunity." —*Christianity.ca*, April 2007

Dr. James Beverley wrote an article, "Is God a Delusion?" for the magazine, *Faith Today*. —*Faith Today*, March/April 2007 issue

A presentation on forgiveness hosted by Tyndale University College in the Van Norman Worship and Study Centre was taped for broadcast on TVO series, *Big Ideas*. —*TVO*, March 12, 2007

Forgiveness presentation speaker also interviewed at Tyndale for story on addiction. —*Salt and Light Television*, March 12, 2007

President Stiller was interviewed by CBC about the ossuary purported to be carrying the bones of Jesus. —*CBC*, March 4, 2007

Dr. Ron Kydd was interviewed by Canadian Press about tomb allegedly holding Christ's bones. —*Canadian Press*, March 4, 2007

VP Advancement Larry Willard was interviewed on the university college's Leading Edge program. —*Options*, March 2007

University College student Jon Summers was interviewed on why he chose to attend the Leading Edge program. —*Options*, March 2007

Rev. Dai Peikang, a Seminary alumnus, and his church, the Mainland Chinese Christian Fellowship, were featured in a story dealing with loneliness in the Chinese community. —*Toronto Star*, February 18, 2007

Tyndale Seminary student Josh Samuel was interviewed by 100 Huntley St. on campus for story on living a fulfilled life. —*CTS*, February 9, 2007

Tyndale business students travel to Honduras – "[With] the micro-enterprise course, Tyndale is equipping students with both opportunity and responsibility." —*Health Partners International of Canada*, Feb. 8, 2007

New Teachers College at Tyndale University College – New faculty will enhance Tyndale's reputation as a leading Christian institution of higher education. —*Mosaic*, February 2007

Alumnus Darrin Lindsay wrote an article for Mosaic summarizing his church's efforts to work with youth. —*Mosaic*, February 2007

Alumnus Rauni Salminen, executive director of the Philip Aziz Centre, wrote on making a difference in the lives of those struggling through hard times. —*Mosaic*, February 2007

Dr. Paul Wong wrote an article on Christian happiness for Maranatha News. —*Maranatha News*, February 2007

New Teachers College Coming to Tyndale – "Tyndale University College is a symbol of excellence and a jewel in the Willowdale community," said MPP David Zimmer. —*Maranatha News*, February 2007

New Teachers College Announcement – "The approval ... supports and respects the unique, quality education that Tyndale has provided in Toronto," said MPP David Zimmer. —*Canada Extra*, January 18, 2007

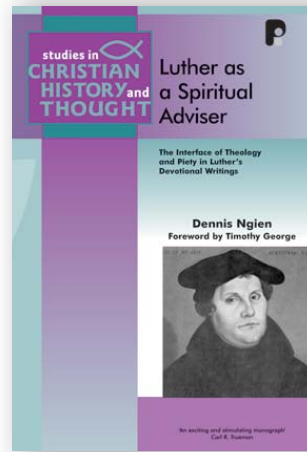
The Canadian Chinese School of Theology was the subject of a special feature article. —*In Trust*, January 2007

Book Review

Luther as a Spiritual Adviser

The contemporary Church lives in and is greatly influenced by a culture that is pragmatic and often superficial. Easy answers and quick fixes are the order of the day. The church is increasingly moulded by this culture. One of the ways in which this is evident is in Christian ministry. Recent decades have witnessed a dramatic shift from pastoral ministry to a leadership model that owes more to the managerial techniques and structures of businesses than it does to serious theological reflection on Christ and the Scriptures. Dr. Dennis Ngien's *Luther as a Spiritual Adviser: The Interface of Theology and Piety in Luther's Devotional Writings*, is a timely and important study of Luther and is a much needed and a very welcome corrective to this shift.

At a time when theology is becoming divorced from Christian faith and commitment, and education for ministry is increasingly pragmatic in focus, we must not lose sight of the fact that the preparation for and practice of ministry must be based on theological reflection. Luther the reformer and theologian is known widely and there are many excellent studies of his life and



thought, but there are too few on Luther the theologian-pastor. And the order of that is significant. For Luther the whole of the Christian life is to be based on the word of God, and this is nowhere more true than in pastoral ministry.

In this book, Dr. Ngien guides us through Luther's devotional writings. Luther addresses the real, day-to-day needs of the people among whom



God had placed him as a pastor and teacher. The six chapters of the book begin by focusing on Christ and on *Luther's Meditation on Christ's Passion*. We are guided through his counsel to the dying and the sick, followed by the importance of the sacraments,

particularly the Lord's Supper, his teaching on prayer and finally on consolation in times of need.

Dr. Ngien's study is an excellent example of the devotional and practical relevance of historical theology to today's Church. Ngien does not present an ivory tower, esoteric irrelevance to the life and well-being of the contemporary Church. In his work, there is clearly one way to strengthen and help the Church to reflect her Lord's glory.

Dennis Ngien's *Luther as a Spiritual Adviser: The Interface of Theology and Piety in Luther's Devotional Writings*, is a timely and important book. It will benefit scholars, students and pastors, and I only hope that Dr. Ngien and others like him will continue this line and quality of research.

—Reviewed by Rev. Dr. Anthony R. Cross, Regent's Park College, University of Oxford, United Kingdom.

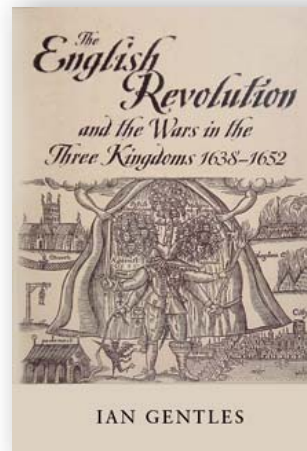
Book Review

The English Revolution and the Wars in the Three Kingdoms 1638-1652

I spent the summer of 2001 in the small English city of Banbury, a half-hour drive north of Oxford and southeast of Stratford. Banbury excited me. "Ride a cock horse to Banbury cross," I had learned as an infant. The cross is gone, thanks to Cromwell's soldiers in one of the English Civil Wars. I didn't fault Cromwell for removing the cross, since much puritanism courses within me; in addition, I have always been a parliamentary sympathizer rather than a royalist.

That summer I frequently visited Edgehill, a village only a few miles from Banbury. Often I sat outdoors on the patio of the local inn that was perched on the edge of the hill, 300 feet above the plain. There, on October 23, 1642, royalist and parliamentary forces fought each other in one of the early major battles. I tried to imagine what it would have been like to have been there then.

Ian Gentles' book, *The English Revolution and the Wars in the Three Kingdoms 1638-1652*, supplies all that we need. He masterfully documents the many determinations of the English Civil Wars: political, social, monetary, ideational—and not least, religious. The religious determination surfaces repeatedly. Gentles details and explains the convictions of the different parties: King Charles I and his refusal to yield on the question of Anglicanism, episcopacy and the



Book of Common Prayer (BCP); Scottish Presbyterians, "Covenanters," and their Calvinist persuasions; Irish Roman Catholics and their disdain for a protestantism that saw Queen Elizabeth I expel them from their land.

Even-handedly, Gentles brings before us leaders who found the monarchy either a divine gift or a satanic irritant. He profiles common people whose lives convulsed as loved ones went to war. He showed that food shortages mounted, disease proliferated, and taxes climbed



exorbitantly. (Some English people were taxed twice over as they were forced to support both royalist and parliamentary military campaigns.) Worst of all consequences, of course, was the suffering of those who died slowly, the anguish of

those maimed for life, and the death toll: 540,000 – 600,000 in Scotland, 180,000 in England and 300,000 in Ireland. The material costs swelled to 65 million pounds.

Are the civil wars, or at least their aftermath, with us still? From the ridiculous—a tax on goods imposed when war broke out, which tax was never rescinded and which we have today in Canada in the form of the "Goods and Service Tax"—to the sublime, a constitutional monarchy together with parliamentary democracy, albeit the gift of the Civil Wars' child, the Glorious (because unbloody) Revolution of 1688-91; this is what we have inherited, among other things, from the terrible conflict.

Gentles' book—exemplarily researched, cogently written, judiciously balanced—has done Tyndale proud.

—Victor Shepherd is Professor of Systematic Theology at Tyndale Seminary.

Faculty & Staff Notes



Dr. Jan Alperberg, Associate Professor of Business Administration (university), was invited to Minsk in Belarus from April 19 to 29 as a visiting professor at their School of Business and Management of Technology of Belarus State University. He taught four classes in management accounting and international business in their MBA program.



Dr. Brad Faught, Associate Professor of History (university), spent the first six months of 2007 on academic sabbatical. He is completing a short biography of the well-known Victorian military figure, General Charles Gordon. During his sabbatical he was appointed a Senior Resident at Massey College at the University of Toronto. On March 17 he gave two lectures on Victorian religious and political history at St. Thomas's Anglican Church in Toronto as a part of their Lenten Educational Series.



Dr. Jennifer Hart Weed, Assistant Professor of Philosophy (university), wrote an article "Whom or what do you love?" recently published online and in print in *Comment* magazine.



Dr. Rebecca Idstrom, Associate Professor of Old Testament (seminary), has been awarded two scholarships towards her upcoming sabbatical. The first award is the *Centre for Mentorship and Theological Reflection Research Scholarship* and the second is from the *Canadian Friends of the École Biblique*. Now, she will be able to conduct research at École Biblique, Jerusalem, Israel during July and August 2007. Her essay on "Deborah: A Role Model for Christian

Public Ministry" has been published in *Women, Ministry and the Gospel: Exploring New Paradigms* (eds. Mark Husbands and Timothy Larsen, Downers Grove: IVP Academic, 2007).



Dr. Barbara Leung Lai, Associate Professor of Old Testament and Director – Chinese Ministry Program (seminary), had an article entry (OBED) accepted for publication in the *New Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible (NIDB)*. Dr. Leung Lai taught an MDiv/ThM course "Currents in Old Testament Studies" at the Evangelical Theological College of Hong Kong, June 6-14. She attended the second *Tyndale Hudson Taylor Centre and Canada-CCCOWE*, co-sponsored PrimeTimer consultation in Vancouver June 15-16.



Dr. Scott Masson, Associate Professor of English Literature (university), now has a chapter on 'Romanticism' in *The Oxford Handbook of English Literature and Theology* in print. He spoke at a Christianity and Literature Conference at Trinity Western University on 10-12 May on the topic "Edmund Burke and the Romantic Sublime".



Dr. Dennis Ngien, Research Professor of Theology (seminary), preached at Evangelical Chinese Bible Church's 35th anniversary in Vancouver from March 9 to 11. He served as an external examiner of a PhD thesis, "Go Ye Therefore and This Do: Towards a Revitalization of Evangelical Eucharistic Praxis" at Toronto School of Theology on April 17. Dr. Ngien published "Picture Christ: Martin Luther's Advice on Preparing to Die" in *Christianity Today* (April 07). He also published "The Trinitarian Dynamic of Worship in Calvin's Institutes (1559)" in *Ephemerides Theologicae Lovanienses Vol. 83* (2007): 81-109, and his third monograph with Paternoster Press entitled "Luther as A Spiritual Adviser: The Interface of Theology and Piety in Luther's Devotional Writings."



Dr. Christopher Perumalla teaches biology at Tyndale University College and is an associate dean at the University of Toronto. He received last year's W.T. Aikins Award from the Faculty of Medicine. It is the most prestigious award for commitment to and excellence in undergraduate teaching. The award was presented at the annual educational achievement event.



Dr. Ian Scott, Assistant Professor of New Testament (seminary), co-edited the publication of an ancient Jewish text entitled "Vision of Ezra." This is a Latin text published in the Online Critical Pseudepigrapha (www.purl.org/net/ocp/esdl.html). The OCP is an electronic publication of the Society of Biblical Literature.



Dr. Victor Shepherd, Professor of Systematic and Historical Theology (seminary), read a paper, "The Protestant Reformers, Hegel, Kierkegaard and the 'Akedah Yitzakh'" at the conference, "Irreconcilable Differences? Fostering the Dialogue between Philosophy and Theology," sponsored by the Department of Philosophy at the University of

Guelph. Dr. Shepherd published three articles on end times and eschatology in *The Abingdon Preaching Annual* (Abingdon Press, USA.).



Dr. Mark Steinacher, Director of Educational Initiatives (seminary), attended two conferences on Online Distance Education. He authored an article "Biblical Interpretation in the Middle Ages" published in *Dictionary of Biblical Criticism and Interpretation*. Dr. Steinacher's book *Fighting Chance* is due in the summer 2007 (BayRidge Books, Toronto).



Dr. Stanley Walters, Professor of Religious Studies (university), gave three addresses to clergy of the Anglican Diocese of Toronto on February 13. He preached at the North Toronto Chinese Baptist Church (English morning service) on April 1 and at Yorkminster Park Baptist Church on April 29.



Dr. Ronald Weed, Assistant Professor of Philosophy (university), published *Aristotle on Stasis: A Moral Psychology of Political Conflict* (Berlin: Logos Verlag, 2007). He also delivered a presentation on the integration of faith and learning at an area-wide Christian faculty workshop, "Scholarship Through the Eyes of Faith," sponsored by InterVarsity Christian Fellowship at Wycliffe College, Toronto.



Dr. Daniel Wong, Assistant Professor of Christian Ministries (university), reviewed the book titled *Growing Healthy Asian American Churches*. The review was published in *Missiology* (January 2007). He ministered with the Leading Edge students on the Urban Promise-sponsored Tyndale missions trip to Camden, New Jersey. He spoke on "The Chinese Church in Canada" for the Centre of Asian-Canadian Theology & Ministry, Knox College. He was the English speaker for the Mississauga Chinese Baptist Church retreat, August 4-6, at Brock University.



Dr. Lilian Wong, Associate Professor of Psychology (university), conducted a workshop on Play Therapy for Children and Adolescents at Tyndale's open house on March 24. She led a workshop on assessing learners' strengths and progress at the Ontario Christian Home Educators' Convention in Hamilton on April 27. Dr. Wong and her graduate student, Milly Ng, presented a three-hour workshop on the socio-emotional expressions and play behaviors of congenitally blind children at the Inaugural Asia-Pacific Play Therapy Conference, in Darwin, Australia, on May 22.



Dr. Paul Wong, Professor of Psychology (university), contributed three chapters to the *Encyclopedia of Positive Psychology*, one chapter to *Perspectives of Positive Psychology*. He is now editing the second edition of *Human Quest for Meaning*, and has just co-edited *Existential and Spiritual Issues of Death Attitudes* as well as *The Positive Psychology of Spirituality and Meaning*. In August 2007, he is scheduled to speak at the International Council of Psychologists in San Diego on radical positive psychology and at the annual convention of the American Psychological Association on multicultural competencies in academic psychology.



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