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Message from the President



Focus on Leadership



Homecoming 2008

Enrollment Boom at Tyndale

Choosing to attend one of Toronto's large public universities for her post-secondary education was a no-brainer for Renee Heemskerk. As a well known university, it seemed to be the most natural place to pursue her international development dreams. But to Renee's surprise it did not offer everything she was looking for.

“I was going to York University for International Development,” Renee says. “But I wanted practical experience. I went on one of the mission trips with Tyndale and it was amazing. I made a few friends with people from the school, and they told me about Tyndale’s Business Administration and International Development program and the internship opportunities.”

That’s when she transferred to Tyndale, Toronto’s Christian University.

Renee is just one of many students who have chosen Tyndale University College over some of the city’s larger universities. In the fall semester of 2008, nearly 40 percent of all new students to Tyndale had previously attended some sort of post-secondary institution. This has contributed to a major enrollment boost to the University in the form of a 64 percent increase in new students when compared to 2007. The high numbers make their 2008 cohort the largest group of new students in the school’s history.

This is a significant accomplishment for Tyndale. Philip Kay, Senior Director, Admissions and Marketing, says that this growth couldn’t have happened without a lot of hard work.

“There are lots of good reasons for the increase,” Kay noted. “We have become much more strategic in our activities and sponsorships. We have also expanded programs and partnerships that have brought new students to the institution.”

Some of these expansions include the success of the new Bachelor of Education program which launched in early July 2008. The addition of an applied element to the institution’s undergraduate Psychology program, and the recruitment of internationally recognized professors such as Drs. Paul and Lilian Wong to that department



two years ago has also been a factor. The result of the latter has been a 93 percent increase in enrollment to the university’s Psychology program.

Tyndale’s partnership with the Pentecostal Assemblies of Newfoundland and Labrador (PAONL) was a contributing factor to its enrollment success. Through this new relationship, PAONL students will graduate from Tyndale with the core requirements for ordination along with a Bachelor of Arts degree. The

◀ Tyndale University College saw a surge in enrollment due to higher numbers of new and returning students during the Fall of 2008.

university accepted their first students to this program in January 2008.

Tyndale is committed to continuing this trend of growth in the years to come. The recruitment plans include referral programs for students, faculty and staff; an intentional campus visit strategy; the continuation of the “What’s your one?” university branding campaign; launching the new “The significance of one” seminary branding campaign; and commencing the Doctor of Ministry program in 2009. With the recent purchase of the new campus, and the development of even more degree offerings, Kay is sure that this year’s growth is just the beginning.

“I truly believe Tyndale is a great institution, with outstanding programs for anyone seeking higher education,” says Kay. “Our main focus now is making sure people know about it.”

Fall 2008 Numbers—

The percentage increase in new students at the university when compared to 2007

64

40

The percentage of new university students who transferred from another post-secondary institution

The percentage increase in total enrollment for Tyndale University College & Seminary

11

Moments of Significance



We all remember moments of passage: for example, going from elementary school to high school, or on to university. Monday evening, June 28, 1995 was such a moment—a life-changing moment for me. Lily and I were home watching the Blue Jays lose. Dave Collins, vice chair of the Board of Governors called: “Brian, we are in need of help. Are you available?”

I said “no” then to his request to become president. But a couple of days later I agreed to serve as—and I love this title—“Interim, Volunteer President.” The schools had closed, and we had 30 days to get them up and running for the fall semester. Gratefully, we did.

As I come to the end of my sojourn as president, there are moments, events and accomplishments that surface from my memory bank. What I say, of course, needs a preamble of thanks. The turnaround of the schools came about through the faithful presence and enablement of our Lord; senior and able leaders and servants on staff, faculty and the board who worked long and hard; loving and generous donors who underwrote the enterprise; and the goodwill of the provincial government which allowed us to move in new directions.

Without space to comment on these moments and places of passage, here is a list: persuading the Public Guardian to allow us to continue; paying off the debt; changing our name to Tyndale; gaining permission from the Government of Ontario to offer university degrees; redesigning the seminary around the “missional” paradigm; persuading the government to allow us to offer the Bachelor of Education degree; purchasing Morrow Park from the Sisters of St. Joseph; and raising some \$40 million in the Uncommon Ground capital campaign.

Retirement as president this coming June is only part of the story. I will continue as president of The Tyndale Foundation, enabling the incoming president to build resources for the future.

Tyndale is positioned to become a great centre of Christian higher education. What a future. What opportunities await.

Editor's Note

A New Years Reflection

The beginning of the year is a time of hope and optimism for most. It begins a period of self-examination, when we take a moment to look back at the year gone by, and see our successes and failures. Within a school environment such as Tyndale's we have multiple opportunities to take stock. Indeed, the start of every semester gives us the opportunity to begin again, taking into account all that we have learnt and accomplished in the past, and using this along with the leading hand of our Saviour, to direct us into the future.

At Tyndale, we have already begun to set a number of new goals, based on recent successes. Our exceptional enrollment growth this past fall has motivated us to press on, developing new programs like our upcoming Doctor of Ministry in Leadership, and enhancing those programs that have just begun, such as our Bachelor of Education. On a smaller scale, our academic departments have launched several new initiatives such as the Business Program Colloquiums, and *Missio Dei*, Tyndale Seminary's Journal of Missional Christianity. Our faculty have also made significant personal achievements in the past months, and in so doing have added to the wealth they bring to our students and to Tyndale.

Our alumni, however, continue to be the true mark of our achievement. As they make new strides in their families, churches, communities and across the globe, we realize that while they were remarkable as students, they have grown to be outstanding as graduates. We are honoured that they still see Tyndale as a significant step in their journey.

As you will see in the pages that follow, it has been a season of newness for all of us. With our eyes fixed above, we can be sure that this growth we are now experiencing is just the beginning of great things to come.

—Rhonda Bowen is the Acting Managing Editor for *Connection* and Corporate Communications Assistant at Tyndale.

Corrections

On page 8 of Volume 14-3, a graduate's name is spelled incorrectly. In the first row, right, the photo caption should have read: Graduate Josh Samuel stands with dignity. The editorial team of *Connection* apologizes for this error.

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Grads impact the next generation through The Evolving Church Conference.

The Evolving Church Conference will have its third run in Ontario on March 21 of this year. The increasingly popular event for church leaders is hosted by Epiphaneia, a group of four Tyndale alumni with a vision to equip the next generation of Christian youth and leaders with the ability to impact the world for Christ. This year the conference will again be held at The Meeting House in Oakville – a venue large enough to hold the projected 1,000 attendees.

Rhonda Bowen: For those who are unfamiliar, what is Epiphaneia and how did it come about?

Chris Lewis: Epiphaneia is four friends who want to see the Church continue to change. What began in conversations and frustrations in a Tyndale residence hall blossomed into an active organization when the decision was made to stop talking about change and start initiating it. The result was a sound organizational growth plan and the motivation to organize our first 'Evolving Church' conference. Since then Epiphaneia has refined its sense of identity and calling as an equipping ministry committed to *initiating change* in the church, *inspiring leaders* to act in new ways, and *providing a network* of resources, organizations, and colleagues.

RB: Who are the members of the Epiphaneia team?

CL: I'm **Chris Lewis**. I graduated with a BA (Hon) in Religious Studies from Tyndale in 2006 and a MA from Eastern University's School of Leadership & Development in Philadelphia. I'm now a Programs Coordinator at Emmanuel International. **Nathan Colquhoun** is another member. He lives in Sarnia, Ontario with his wife Rachel where he co-leads a church called *The Story* and runs his media company, *Storyboard Solutions*. He did his undergrad at York University with two years of the degree being from Tyndale. **Darryl**

Silvestri lives with his wife **Laura** in Flint, Michigan while she completes her medical practicum. He completed his BA in Religious Studies at Tyndale and was actually one of the original planters of *The Story* church. Our fourth member is **Steve Cox** who lives in Niagara Falls with his wife **Christiana**. Steve has an Honours Degree in Business from Wilfrid Laurier University and a Master of Divinity from Tyndale. He's now serving as the Associate Pastor of Niagara United Mennonite Church.

RB: What was the feedback like from the last conference?

CL: It's been phenomenal; it has been the fuel that keeps us working on this project. We've had elderly people come up to us and ask to be put on our mailing lists because they felt so challenged. We've had emails from people telling us that the trajectory of their faith journey has been changed. We've even had people approach us mid-conference day and thank us for putting something together that they felt they could invite their family members to. In addition, our speakers have let us know that what we are offering the Church is a unique and valuable resource that must continue.



▲ Epiphaneia's 2007 Evolving Church Conference attracted over 700 attendees. This year the team projects a showing of 1000.

RB: What is the theme for this year's Evolving Church conference and why did you choose this?

CL: The theme is "Amidst the Powers," which is a reference to Ephesians 6:12 where Paul says "For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms." Our hope is that our speakers will offer unique perspectives on what exactly 'the powers' look like in our present day landscape, and that through the lessons offered by more than 17 experienced workshop leaders, every conference attendee will leave encouraged with the belief that we the Church can not only survive but thrive "Amidst the Powers."

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Dr. John Morrill to address love and justice at this year's Honeyman Lectures

Tyndale is well known for its annual Honeyman Lecture series which features renowned speakers giving insights into various topics of theological and academic interest. Previous speakers have included distinguished individuals such as Dr. Robert Webber, Dr. Nicholas Wolterstorff and most recently Dr. Margaret Somerville, all of whom have inspired among attendees thought provoking discussion.

This year's lecture series, to be held Tuesday March 10, 2009 under the theme "Love and Justice," promises to be no different. It will feature Dr. John Morrill, well known historian and Professor of British and Irish History at the University of Cambridge. With research interests across the period 1500-1750 and over a dozen articles on European nations of that time, Dr. Morrill is



▲ Last year's speaker (far right) Dr. Margaret Somerville answers discussion questions as (l-r) Professors Ian Gentles and Craig Carter look on.

more than qualified to speak on issues of love and justice which were of great importance then, and even more so today.

His experience includes eight years as the founding editor of the *Royal Historical Society Bibliography Online*. He has also been the Consulting Editor for the Oxford Dictionary of National Biography. As a professor, Dr. Morrill has supervised more than 100 graduate

students of 16 nationalities on various research areas, particularly the seventeenth century. He is also one of three senior scholars managing the preparation of depositions of witnesses to the massacres in Ireland in 1641.

During this year's Honeyman Lectures, he will speak at the Tuesday Community Chapel from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. on the topic "Toleration and its

limits: the early modern experience." At 7:30 p.m. he will discuss "The Faith of Oliver Cromwell," a historical figure on whom he has researched and written extensively.

Lectures will take place at Tyndale in The Van Norman Worship and Study Centre and are open to the public. We hope you can join us for this exciting event. Visit our website at www.tyndale.ca for more information.

Message from the Dean: Exciting Times Ahead

As Dean, I am regularly asked what makes me proud to be part of Tyndale Seminary. It's an easy question to answer. I'm thrilled by the seminary's missional approach to theological education, its vibrant diversity, its global vision of the church, and its creativity and passion for equipping the people of God for effective service.

But more than anything, what makes Tyndale shine is the people – the students, staff, faculty, alumni and friends who share in



common a connection to this wonderful community of faith and learning.

In these pages of *Connection*, you'll read about some of them, and the amazing ways they are leading, learning and serving in and through Tyndale. The seminary, as part of the larger institution, is in an exciting season of its history – launching a new Doctor of Ministry program, completing a re-accreditation process, expanding online learning, developing ethnic-

specific programs for the burgeoning ethnic church, and hosting seminars, conferences and leadership workshops that reach beyond our walls to the world around us.

We hope you'll be inspired as you catch a glimpse in these pages of the ways our mission and purpose is being lived out in the present, and directing us forward into an exciting future.

—Dr. Janet L. Clark is Academic Dean and Associate Professor of Counselling at Tyndale Seminary.

Missio Dei – Tyndale Seminary's Journal of Missional Christianity – The Implicates of forgiveness

Two hundred and fifty years ago John Wesley wrote in his diary, "Resentment at an affront is sin, and I have been guilty of this a thousand times." Because resentment at a real affront, at a real offence, comes naturally to fallen people we think it isn't sin.



However, the most serious consequence of our sinner-ship is our blindness to the fact and nature and scope of it all. Then do we continue to clutch our resentment because its smoldering heat will fuel our self-pity and our self-justification? Or do we deplore it and drop it at the foot of the cross, knowing that only the purblind do anything else?

Unquestionably the offences we sustain open up gaping wounds within us. We shall be able to forgive them *only* as we place them alongside what God has already forgiven in us. In our Lord's parable of the unforgiving servant the king forgives his servant a huge debt; the servant, newly forgiven a huge debt, turns around and refuses to forgive a fellow whatever this fellow owes him. The king is livid that the pardon the servant has received he doesn't extend to others. The king orders the servant shaken up until some sense is shaken into him. If the servant had refused to forgive his fellow a paltry sum, the servant would merely have looked silly. But the amount the servant is owed isn't paltry; 100 denarii is six months' pay. The forgiveness required of the servant is huge. But the point of the parable is this: while the 100 denarii which the servant is owed is no trifling sum, it is nothing *compared* to the 10,000 talents (\$50 million) that the king has already forgiven the servant.

WHAT FORGIVENESS DOES NOT MEAN
We must be sure we understand what forgiveness does *not* mean. It does *not* mean that the offence we are called to forgive is slight. Were it anything but grievous we'd be smiling at it instead of sweating over it.

It does *not* mean that the offence is excused. We excuse what is excusable. What is not excusable, will never be excusable, can only be forgiven.

Forgiveness does *not* mean that we are helpless suckers inviting the world to victimize us again. Forgiveness, rather, is a display of ego-strength. Jesus can forgive those who slay him just because he has already insisted, "No one takes my life from me; I lay it down of my own accord."

Forgiveness does *not* mean that the person we must forgive we must also trust. Many whom we forgive will never be trustworthy. Forgiveness does mean, however, that the person we cannot trust we shall nonetheless not despise.

—Dr. Ian W. Scott is the Editor of *Missio Dei* and Assistant Professor of New Testament at Tyndale Seminary. You can read more from *Missio Dei* at www.tyndale.ca/~missiodei.

Seminary Welcomes Korean Visiting Scholar

Tyndale Seminary welcomes Korean missiologist Dr. Byung-Yoon (Andrew) Kim as a Visiting Scholar for the 2008-09 academic year. Dr. Kim is on sabbatical research leave from his post as Professor of Intercultural Studies at the Philippine Baptist Theological Seminary in Baguio City, Philippines. He and his wife Ruth are living in an apartment on campus and are actively engaged in the academic and community life of the school, as well as in the Korean church community in Toronto.

A graduate of Fuller Theological Seminary and the Asia Baptist Theological Seminary, Dr. Kim has a distinguished career as a missionary, teacher and author in the area of strategic international

and intercultural missions. Tyndale, with its long history of commitment to a global vision of the church, and its location in one of the most multicultural cities in the world, provides an ideal setting for Dr. Kim's research and writing. The vibrant Korean church community in Toronto, with its passion for global missions, was a key reason Dr. Kim was attracted to Toronto.

The seminary has a large number of Korean students and is committed to strengthening links

with the Korean church. In this regard, a number of events are being planned this year so that the Korean constituency, and the Tyndale community at large, can be enriched by Dr. Kim's wisdom, expertise, and experience.



▲ Visiting Scholar to Tyndale, Dr. Andrew Kim, poses with wife Ruth Kim. Dr. Kim is engaged in research and writing on missiology here at Tyndale during the 08-09 academic year.

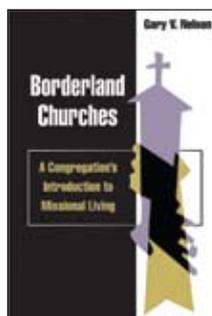
Special sessions with the faculty and with Korean students have been held, and pastors' meetings, guest lectures, and consultations are being planned in the coming months. Our hope and prayer is that Dr. Kim's involvement at Tyndale, and in the constituency, will be one that brings mutual enrichment to all.

Faculty Authors

GARY NELSON

Borderland Churches: A Congregation's Introduction to Missional Living. Chalice Press, 2008.

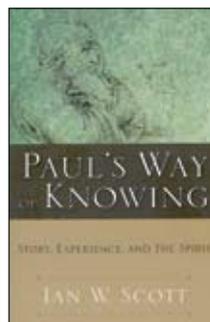
In this book Nelson points out that our post modern culture has brought us to a place where our faith must be "lived outside the walls of the church, engaging the community in incarnational ways." He further points out that only when we come to accept this new reality can we truly carry out meaningful Christian ministry in our present cultural landscape. Available at Chalice Press, www.cb21.com



IAN W. SCOTT

Paul's Way of Knowing: Story, Experience and the Spirit. Baker Academic, 2008.

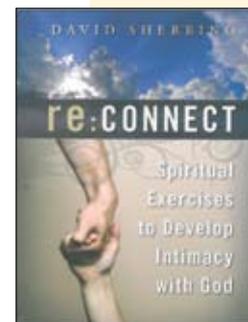
The Apostle Paul may not have directly addressed the question of how humanity can know anything at all about God, but in this clearly written book, Ian Scott shows how the apostle's writings can guide us to answers. In so doing he leads the reader into an examination of Paul's theological perspectives on gaining faith and knowledge. Available at Amazon.ca



DAVID SHERBINO

ReConnect: Spiritual Exercises to Develop Intimacy with God. Salt Creative Group, 2008.

In this guide to living a life in sync with the Spirit, Sherbino uses his deep understanding of biblical theology and spiritual practices, to lead his readers into a closer connection with Christ. *ReConnect* is a helpful resource for the individual on an intentional search for a meaningful spiritual life. Available in the Tyndale Bookstore.

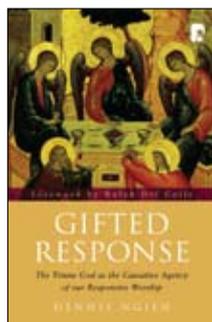


DENNIS NGIEN

Gifted Response: The Triune God as the Causative Agency of our Responsive Worship. Paternoster, 2008.

In this book about worship, Ngien diverts from the exhausted topic of how to worship, and focuses instead on the theological underpinnings of worship.

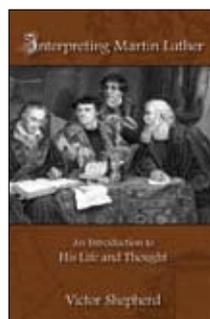
He does this by looking at the theo-logic of worship through the eyes of great Christian thinkers such as Martin Luther and Basil of Caesarea. The result is a consensus that 'worship is God's gift in which we participate.' Available at Amazon.ca and the Tyndale Bookstore.



VICTOR SHEPHERD

Interpreting Martin Luther. Regent College Publishing, 2008.

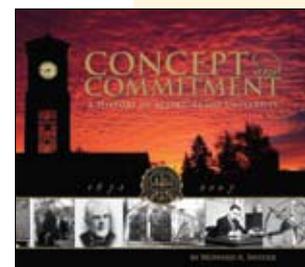
With the historical setting of the Reformation as a starting point, Shepherd chronicles Luther's theological development through the framework of his life and writings. This text helps to outline the strengths and weaknesses in Luther's theology while showing how his teachings still have relevant application. Available in the Tyndale Bookstore.



HOWARD SNYDER

Concept and Commitment. Spring Arbor University Press, 2008.

In this, his most recent book, Snyder gives a history of Spring Arbour University, spanning 1873 to 2007. Available from Spring Arbor Press; available in the Tyndale Bookstore.



Theological Research Colloquium covers issues of inspiration, Evangelical theology and creation

Tyndale Seminary is home not only to good teaching, but to active theological research that is shaping the future of evangelical thought in Canada. Every month Tyndale Seminary hosts a lunch-hour colloquium in which a faculty member, visiting scholar or senior student delivers an address on their area of theological research.

In September, Dr. Ian W. Scott, Assistant Professor of New Testament at Tyndale Seminary, wrestled with a theology of the inspiration in a lecture entitled "The Mediated Voice: A Model for the Inspiration of the New Testament." Dr. Scott argued that neither the New Testament writers nor their second-century heirs depicted the Holy Spirit as overriding people's rational faculties. Instead they saw "the Spirit providing miracles and visions, experiences which prompt in believers the proper rational reflection. This seems to point us toward an early understanding of the Spirit's inspiration in which God led believers through human reason, not in spite of it."

In October, Dr. Craig Carter, Professor of Religious Studies at the University entered boldly

into the current debate over the future direction of Evangelical theology with a paper entitled "Engaging Modernity: What Evangelicals can learn from Roman Catholics." Dr. Carter distinguished between the options of "conservative Evangelicalism," "post-conservative Evangelicalism" (exemplified in the work of Clark Pinnock, Stanley Grenz, John Franke and Brian McLaren among others), and "paleo-Orthodoxy." The latter term refers to those who identify the consensus of the ancient ecumenical creeds tradition as a governing authority for Evangelical theology. Paleo-Orthodoxy promises a creativity that the conservative approach cannot match and a faithfulness to the traditional Gospel of Jesus Christ, which the post-conservative approach is unable to maintain.

In November, Dr. Howard Snyder, Distinguished Professor and Chair of Wesley Studies at the Seminary, explored the Evangelical indifference toward creation care. Dr. Snyder gave an account of the way theology has "divorced" heaven from earth. Dr. Snyder argued that God's redemption

TOPICS FOR THE COLLOQUIUM IN THE WINTER SEMESTER:

Feb. 12, 2009 –Dr. John Kessler - Exegesis, Authority & Canon: Methodology in Old Testament Interpretation.

March 12, 2009 – Ms. Cynthia Tam

April 9, 2009 – Dr. Van Johnson - Do Pentecostals Have a Learning Disability? The Challenges of an Oral Culture.

promises a new heaven and a new earth—which does not mean disembodied eternal life in heaven with the total destruction of the material universe. Revelation 22 presents the heavenly city descending to earth, in which the reign of God is in some way the reconstitution of the whole creation through God's work in Jesus Christ.

In the Winter Semester the Colloquium meets at 11:45 am on February 12, March 12, April 9, 2009. Tyndale alumni and friends are welcome.

—Dr. Arnold Neufeldt-Fast is Associate Academic Dean at Tyndale Seminary.

Focus on Leadership:

The Value of Reflective Leadership

Self-awareness and self-management are critical for the Christian leader. Reflective leaders make time to learn from their experiences and the feedback of others, and to develop in their capacity to lead. Three practices that facilitate such growth are journaling, 360° feedback, and coaching.

Journaling events and perceptions that arise in work or ministry is not only cathartic – but it prompts insights that can guide future action. Every leader should ask repeatedly, What can be learned from this experience? Regular leadership journaling helps prompt and capture vital lessons from the failings and successes in which we participate.

The recent development of 360° Leadership Assessments is an answer to Robert Burns' (1759-1796) poem-prayer:

*“O would some Power, the gift to give us
To see ourselves as others see us!
It would from many a blunder free us.”*

These 360° Leadership Assessments, otherwise known as Circle Assessments, obtain feedback from an array of people: those to whom the leader reports, peers, those whom the leader supervises, and the leader himself. With input from people with different role-relationships to the leader, a more complete picture of strengths, weaknesses, and gaps in perception emerges. Pathways for meaningful growth can then be imagined, and support for the journey enlisted.

Coaching refers to a one-with-one relationship with a person competent, and usually trained, to guide a leader into and through personal change for the sake of functioning in a healthier and more effective way in their church or organization. Coaching is especially helpful when taking on new responsibilities, navigating or managing organizational change, experiencing significant conflict, processing feedback from a leadership assessment, or just desiring to develop as a leader.

Leading a congregation, organization or group is a complex and demanding job. Leading well requires reflective practices that facilitate growth in self-awareness and management.

—Dr. Paul Bramer is Director of Tyndale's new Doctor of Ministry in Leadership program with cohorts starting each May. www.tyndale.ca/seminary/dmin



The Advantage of Christian Leadership

Leadership is not so much a formula to be learned or even a skill set to be practised. Leadership is more like an art form to be expressed. But when it is effective, leadership is an informed art form.

One does not have to be a Christian to be an effective leader. In fact, experienced leaders who make no faith claims can be principled people who live out the best of Christian leadership practices. Sound principles of leadership are articulated and practiced in both religious contexts and secular sectors.

Although being a Christian does not automatically translate into the practice of Christian leadership principles, discerning Christian leaders can have an edge. When their leadership is informed by a Christian mind and sensitized with spiritual discernment, decisions will be framed within stated values and honourable ethics. When Christian leaders get it right, the use of power is subject to checks and balances. Healthy competition enhances outcomes without being exploitive. Principles of justice champion what is right and restrain what is unfair. Character is the compass for competence.

When leadership is informed and guided by principles:

- Defined tasks are achieved
- People are empowered and protected and
- God's reign makes an appearance.

—Don Posterski is Research Professor of Christianity and Culture & Interim Chair, Tyndale Centre for Leadership. He will be teaching in the new Doctor of Ministry in Leadership program (www.tyndale.ca/seminary/dmin). The Tyndale Centre for Leadership is sponsoring “Leadership 360,” eight professional development days for leaders. Visit www.tyndale.ca/leadership for more information.

Israel Study Tour: Exploring the Holy Land and its History

I have always been moved by the opportunities I have had to pray at the Western Wall and walk the original steps of the monumental staircase leading up to the Temple Mount in Jerusalem. These 15 pairs of alternating broad and narrow steps, forcing the worshipper to slow down and look down as they approached the Temple, have been found in the Southern Wall Excavations, one of many places we will visit while on the three week Tyndale



▲ Western Wall excavations in the city of Jerusalem. Dr Idestrom visited Jerusalem in a tour similar to the one heading to Israel in May of this year.

Israel Study Tour from May 17 to June 7, 2009.

Since these steps date back to the Second Temple Period, two thousand years ago, we know that Jesus and his disciples actually walked here. One can still see the Hulda Gates, by which the worshippers would enter and exit the Temple area. Nearby are dozens of ritual baths, also called *Mikveh*, where the worshippers purified themselves by baptismal immersion in preparation for worship. Southwest of the Wall, a Herodian paved

street has been discovered, as well as a Hebrew inscription on a stone that says: “To the trumpeting place [to proclaim].” This inscription marks the spot on the Temple Mount where the priest would blow the trumpet to proclaim the beginning of the Sabbath. This stone was thrown down by

Roman soldiers when they destroyed the city of Jerusalem in 70 AD. The Western Wall, which has become a sacred place of prayer for the Jews, is part of the original retaining wall to the Temple Mount, where the magnificent Temple once stood.

One of the amazing things about visiting Israel is knowing that this is the land where the events of the Bible were played out. That past comes alive in ways one can never imagine. Through lectures and field trips, we will explore the history, geography, and archaeology of the Holy Land. We will walk in the footsteps of Joshua and Jesus, and we will never read the Bible in the same way again.

For more information on the Holy Land Study Tour and receiving academic credit for participating, please contact Dr. Ian W. Scott at iscott@tyndale.ca or Dr. Rebecca Idestrom at ridestrom@tyndale.ca. You can also visit their website at www.tyndale.ca/~iscott/IsraelTour

—Dr. Rebecca G. S. Idestrom is Associate Professor of Old Testament at Tyndale Seminary.

Mission Profile: Tyndale Intercultural Ministries (TIM) Centre

As more newcomers from around the world make Canada their new home, urban centres such as Toronto are being challenged to deal with the reality of the rapidly changing diversity in culture, custom, religion and ethnicity.



Churches and Christian organizations have an even greater challenge. How do they carry out the Great Commission as the world arrives at their doorstep?

The Tyndale Intercultural Ministries (TIM) Centre is seeking ways to meet this challenge.

“Our mission is to act as a catalyst to mobilize the Christian faith community toward a more intentional and effective engagement in local and global mission,” says Robert Cousins, Director of the TIM Centre.

The team at the TIM Centre has already begun to employ a number of different strategies to carry out this mission. One strategy is the development of a series of “brown bag” lunch seminars.

One of these seminars was held on October 27th, 2008 under the theme “Mission, Power & Reconciliation: A First Nation Case Study.” During this two hour afternoon session, Terry LeBlanc (My People International) and Bishop Mark MacDonald (Anglican National Indigenous Bishop) spoke on the abuse of power - a key criticism of traditional mission.

The event drew a significant number of attendees, including TV reporters from CTS’ 100 Huntley Street, which interviewed both speakers for part of an upcoming program.

On November 21, the TIM Centre continued its focus on the theme of mission, by hosting a seminar with Dr. Irving Whitt. Dr. Whitt delivered a paper exploring the focus of missional churches. He argued that the phrase

‘missional church’ has taken centre stage in contemporary discussions about the Church for the 21st century.

Other initiatives from the TIM Centre include www.ureachtoronto.com, a virtual resource centre for Christians engaged in intercultural ministry in the Greater Toronto Area, launched by the TIM Centre and its partners. The portal has been a great tool for persons in Christian ministry and mission, linking them to similar workers and resources across the GTA.

—Find out more about the TIM Centre and its projects at www.tyndale.ca/tim. You can also contact the director, Robert Cousins, at 416.226.2260 ext. 2708 or at tim@tyndale.ca.

Faculty Updates



Dr. James A. Beverley, Professor of Christian Thought and Ethics (Seminary), was interviewed in an article on the Lakeland Revival by *The Ledger of Lakeland*, Florida. He spoke on Eckhart Tolle at The Bridge Community Church in North Vancouver in September and was also a plenary speaker at the Trinity Consultation on Post-Christendom Spiritualities at Trinity International University in Chicago from October 16 to 19, 2008. His book *Nelson's Illustrated Guide to Religions* will be released in winter 2009. It will be available at Gale Cengage Learning – www.gale.cengage.com.



Dr. Fred Penney, Adjunct Professor of Homiletics (Seminary), presented a preaching workshop for pastors in the Pentecostal Assemblies of Newfoundland and Labrador. The workshop took place on October 23, 2008 in Newfoundland.



Dr. Howard Snyder, Chair of Wesley Studies (Seminary), spoke at the Robert E. Webber Center for Ancient Evangelical Future’s 2008 AEF conference which took place at the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary in Lombard, IL from October 9 to 11, 2008.



Dr. Barbara Leung Lai, Associate Professor of Old Testament & Chinese Ministry (Seminary), published “Introduction to the

Book of Daniel,” in *The People's Bible* (Augsburg Fortress, 2008). As member of the Steering Committee, Dr. Lai also presided at the “Psychology and Biblical Studies” Section at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature (SBL), held in Boston (Nov 21-24). She will also represent Tyndale at the Funds for Theological Education (FTE) Reception at the conference.



Dr. David Sherbino, professor of Pastoral Ministries and Spiritual Formation (Seminary), taught a Celtic Spirituality course in Ireland and Scotland in the summer and was also involved in a ministry project with the Presbyterian Church Central Africa in Malawi. In September he had his latest book *Re-Connect: Spiritual Exercises to Develop Intimacy with God* published. It was later formally launched at Tyndale in November. During September, Sherbino also conducted a workshop for the Chinese Alliance Church on small group ministries and taught the Prepare/Enrich Seminar for pastors and marriage therapists. On September 16, he was installed as the Moderator of the Presbytery of Oak Ridges of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and, on that same day, also appeared as a guest panelist on CTS’ Viewpoints. Dr. Sherbino is also a registered Thanatologist and on November 16 he presented a teaching seminar on Death and Dying at the North York Chinese Baptist Church.



Dr. Rebecca Idestrom, Associate Professor of Old Testament (Seminary), concluded her sabbatical by attending the

Tyndale Fellowship Old Testament Study Group Conference, July 9-10, 2008, at Tyndale House in Cambridge, England.



Dr. Dennis Ngien, Research Professor of Theology (Seminary), published his scholarly monograph entitled

Gifted Response: The Triune God as the Causative Agency of Our Responsive Worship (Paternoster, UK, 2008) in the fall. On November 22, he preached in Breakthrough Centre Ministry in Malaysia, an organization that reaches the marginalized and the poor. From December 27 to 31, he was the speaker at the Canada Chinese Christian Winter Conference in Calgary.



Dr. Arnold Neufeldt-Fast, Assistant Professor of Theology and Associate Academic Dean (Seminary), presented a paper at the Believers’ Church Conference in Winnipeg in June entitled “Examining North American Believers’ Churches within a Trinitarian-Missional Framework.” Also in June he was invited to participate in the “Karl Barth Translators’ Seminar” at the Center for Barth Studies at Princeton Theological Seminary in New Jersey. Earlier in 2008 he was elected to the Leadership Council of Mennonite Church Eastern Canada and was appointed by Mennonite Church to represent them on the Commission of Faith and Witness of the Canadian Council of Churches, which met in November. At these meetings Dr. Neufeldt-Fast presented a paper entitled “Mennonites, Doctrine and the Creeds.”

From the Director's Desk

This has been a great year for the admissions and marketing department. It has been a lot of work, but we're pleased with the results and excited about where we're going.

We made a number of strategic advances this year that will help us in the future. Our partnership with Noel-Levitz (a higher education consulting firm) has helped us advance in our recruitment practices. We have new plans related to recruitment territories, communication flow and improved computer software. We have also begun working with RHB/The Agency (a marketing agency) to develop our collateral materials and marketing campaigns. We're really pleased with our "What's your one?" university campaign and "The significance of one" seminary campaign.

However, there is still a lot of work to do in the year ahead. We need more people to find out about Tyndale. The best students arrive on campus through referrals. You can help us by submitting referrals of people who may be interested in a Tyndale education. We will contact them and provide information about our school; if they ever decide that they no longer need to hear from us, they can easily opt out of the communication flow. It's a simple, pressure-free way to help Tyndale and make people aware of what a Christian university or seminary education is all about.

We have a number of events for prospective students taking place in the months ahead. Check the Events Calendar at the back of this *Connection* or visit our



the smiling faces on the right) would be more than happy to discuss the value and attributes of a Tyndale education.

Admissions website, www.tyndale.ca/admissions for more details. You can also schedule a visit with us. Our Admissions Counsellors (those

Please continue to pray for our team and the school as a whole. As much as we need referrals, we also need your prayers and support.

May God continue to bless you, your family, and your friends in the year ahead.

—Philip Kay is Senior Director of Admissions and Marketing. Keep your finger on the pulse of Admissions by visiting his blog at www.tyndale.ca/~pkay.

We Need Your Help

Tyndale has a lot to offer, but not enough people know about us. Want a concrete way to make a contribution to Tyndale?

Refer a student. We're looking for the names and contact information of people who may be interested in a university or seminary education. All we need is a name, and an email or phone number. We'll send them some information explaining what Tyndale is all about and they can opt out at any time.

You can refer a student at www.tyndale.ca/referral (for alumni, students or staff) or by email at admissions@tyndale.ca. Thanks for your support!



Our Students Spoke – Student Survey Results

As mentioned in our last issue of *Connection*, our university students participated in a student satisfaction survey in April 2008. The results are in and we are very pleased with what our students had to say.

The survey, which sampled approximately 12,000 students from 31 universities including Ryerson University, the University of British Columbia, Dalhousie University and the University of Ottawa, was facilitated by the Canadian University Survey Consortium. It covered students registered within the 2007-08 academic year and classified institutions into three groups based on size. Tyndale's peer group included schools such as Redeemer University College, Trinity Western University and Mount Allison University. We consistently scored ahead of the curve in areas of faculty and teaching quality; personal growth and development; and overall satisfaction.

We've always known that our caring faculty are integral to student success and 90 percent

of our students agreed that their professors take a personal interest in their academic progress. This is well above the survey average of 74 percent. Furthermore, almost all of our students surveyed say that professors treat them as individuals and not numbers. Our small class sizes and Christian faculty ensure personal attention to help guide our students through this fundamental time in their lives and prepare them for a meaningful future.

However, the most significant difference between our students and the survey average is their involvement in extracurricular and community activities. More than 55 percent of Tyndale students report that they often attend non-academic campus events, which is more than twice the overall survey average. Moreover, our students say they spend an average of 8.1 hours per week in community service and volunteer activities.

This is largely due to our strong Christian community that encourages our students to get involved and make a difference in their

local neighbourhoods. Through this deliberate emphasis on community, we are preparing our students to not only be economic contributors, but socially responsible citizens.

Although we scored well in many areas, there is still much room for growth. Our students have expressed a need for improvement in areas such as financial aid and athletic facilities. We are planning to address these needs as we expand into our new Bayview campus, and we are currently reviewing our financial aid process.

It is encouraging to know that our students rank Tyndale very highly, and we are glad that we are already working on areas that need improvement. We look forward to sharing these results with prospective students and their parents so that they get a better idea of all we offer here at Toronto's Christian University.

—Karina Ling is Coordinator, Enrollment Management.

Meet the team



NIKKI BLAKIDIS, *University Admissions Counsellor*,
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Quick Facts:

Born: Toronto / Education:

Leading Edge Certificate - Tyndale University College; BA Hons. - York University / Geographic area covered: Scarborough, Hamilton/Niagara, Eastern United States, International

What do you like about Tyndale?

Three things stick out to me about Tyndale: the quality of people and education, the unwavering devotion to God's beautiful purpose, kingdom and heart, as well as the diversity of faith, personal, cultural and academic backgrounds. I believe that God's image is more accurately represented when people who are different from one another choose to learn from one another; this is one of our greatest strengths.

Fun fact:

I took four years of dramatic arts study in mime - but I have since broken out of that glass box of emotion.



TINA MARIE FRANKS,
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Quick Facts:

Born: San Francisco, California /

Education: BA - Biola University; University of Oklahoma, Master of Education in Higher Education with an emphasis in Administration (pending spring 2009 graduation)

What do you like about Tyndale?

I am thrilled to be a part of the mission that Tyndale sets out to accomplish: educating and equipping Christian leaders to affect our communities for God's glory. I'm also really excited to live in Toronto, and that I get to work alongside my husband, Professor Paul Franks!

Fun fact:

I am an OU Sooner fan, I have two Cardigan Welsh Corgis named Aquinas and Athena, and I used to dye my hair with pink and purple streaks when I was an undergraduate at Biola.



STEPHEN HAINEAULT,
Admissions Counsellor,
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Quick Facts: Born: Scarborough;
raised in Guelph / Education:

BRE - Emmanuel Bible College; MTS - Tyndale / Geographic area covered: Etobicoke, Peel, Southwest and Northern Ontario, and everything from Manitoba west

What do you like about Tyndale?

I especially enjoy the people and the travel. I enjoy meeting high school students who are interested in Tyndale and helping them through the application process.

Fun fact:

I once nearly got sick on the London Eye when it was full of people and nearly lost my lunch. This is especially strange because I love roller coasters like Behemoth and can ride them without a problem.



RYAN KLASSEN, *Seminary Admissions Counsellor*,
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Quick Facts:

Born: Winnipeg, Manitoba, but

raised in Waldheim, Saskatchewan. / Education: BA - Briercrest College; MA - Providence Seminary; PhD Studies - U of T / Geographic area covered: Planet Earth

How did you come to work at Tyndale?

I was - still am - doing my PhD in Theology at the University of Toronto and was looking for work. There was a position open at Tyndale Seminary for an admissions counsellor, and since Tyndale was a school I knew and respected, I felt that I could work here.

Fun fact:

Saskatchewan Roughriders fan
(I bleed green and white, as it were).



PETER NEWMAN, *University Admissions Counsellor*,
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Quick Facts:

Born: Newfoundland! /

Education: BA - English and History (Memorial University); BA - Music (St. Francis Xavier University); MA - Religion (Trevecca Nazarene University, Nashville) / Geographic area covered: Newfoundland and Labrador.

What do you like about Tyndale?

The opportunity it provides prospective pastors and students from Newfoundland and Labrador to obtain PAONL credentials and obtain an accredited degree from a Christian Liberal Arts University. Tyndale University College & Seminary is an ideal place for future ministers, missionaries, youth and worship leaders to prepare for church service.

Fun fact: I worked in the Nashville music industry as a songwriter, musician and producer; I have songs published with Universal Music Group, and have co-produced a church worship project for Michael W. Smith's New River Fellowship Church.



ERIC TANG, *University Admissions Counsellor*,
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Quick Facts:

Born: Hong Kong / Education:

University of Guelph B.Sc (Hons) / Geographic area covered: In Canada north of

401, east of Bolton, West of Markham, and south of the southern shores of Georgian Bay. In the US all the "non-East coast" States including California, Hawaii and Alaska

What do you like about Tyndale?

In no particular order, community, idea of open discussion of faith alongside academic pursuits, warped pool table (recently discovered gem), our humble gym and its hardwood floor which was laid in 1898, the courtyard, our seasonal feathered residents and their fledgling family (even though they act like they own the place) and the BEd puppet collection.

Fun fact:

If you say Eric shouldn't do something, high probability Eric will do it when you're not looking (or even if you're looking).



CHRISTIE WARREN,
Campus Host
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Quick Facts:

Born: Johannesburg, South

Africa / Education: Tyndale University College - BA (Hons) English, 2007 / Geographic area covered: Campus Visits and Events

How did you come to work at Tyndale?

I had recently graduated from Tyndale and was searching for full-time work. A good friend of mine shared that the Admissions Department was hiring a campus host and she felt that I could be a good fit. As soon as I discovered what the position entailed I felt a strong leading from the Lord to pursue this opportunity. I guess you could say the rest is history.

Fun fact:

My husband, my brother, and my brother-in-law all attend Tyndale.



SIOBHAN WILSON, *University Admissions Counsellor*,
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Quick Facts:

Born: Mississauga / Education:

BA English - York University/ Geographic area covered: Downtown Toronto / Eastern Ontario and Canada

How did you come to work at Tyndale?

I was a student here in 2004 and I loved it so...

What do you like about Tyndale?

The community is incredible!

Fun fact:

I have a twin sister and one year I got a real live peacock for Christmas (I grew up on a petting zoo).

Message from the Dean: Building A Great University

David Lyle Jeffrey, then of Ottawa University and now of Baylor University, identified what makes a great university. It isn't what you might immediately think.

The first thing that people think makes a great university is its faculty. Obviously, if you are building a great university, then you need great faculty. Tyndale has been blessed with outstanding professors and lecturers, and the recent student satisfaction survey shows how much Tyndale students value this. But faculty was not the thing that Jeffrey identified.

If not a great faculty, people would cite great programs. Tyndale University College has developed very fine programs in the areas of arts, business administration, education and the social sciences. The Bachelor of Arts, for example, has a strong liberal-arts core with robust majors in eight different areas. The



Bachelor of Education has courses that deftly interweave content (math, language, science, social studies, etc.), context (equity, diversity, differentiated instruction, etc.) and concept (values, foundations, philosophy, etc.) with 100 hours of practical experience in classrooms

across the GTA.

Yet, great programs aren't what Jeffrey believed make a great university.

What was it that Dr. Jeffrey identified as key? It was students. Faculty and programs are important, but students are the hallmark of a great university.

In recent years, Tyndale has been able to attract some of the greatest of these. Many students have been admitted on the President's

Scholarship based on outstanding grades in high school. Over forty students are on the Dean's list for academic excellence each term. Not only are Tyndale students doing well academically, but they are also excelling in extra-curricular activities in areas such as sports and community service.

It doesn't just stop at Tyndale however. Our students are doing well after graduation. Many have gone on to the best graduate or professional schools, in Canada and overseas.

Tyndale is on the way to becoming a great university. And the key to that success, according to David Lyle Jeffrey, is our fine students.

—Dr. Daniel D. Scott is Academic Dean and Associate Professor of Christian Ministries at Tyndale University College.

Program Update: Pentecostal Studies Program



▲ Students from the PAONL program engage in lively group discussion on campus. The PAONL program has already begun to live up to expectations after just one semester.

The Pentecostal Studies Program, a new track of Tyndale University College's existing Bachelor of Arts Religious Studies program, began this past Fall 2008. It is designed to combine the main core of biblical and liberal arts courses along with specific training in

Pentecostal theology and ministry.

Developed initially to serve the leadership needs of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Newfoundland and Labrador (PAONL), this learning experience includes a full year in the NL context, including a semester of courses taught by Tyndale and qualified PAONL

faculty, and a full semester internship in a Pentecostal church community or ministry. Students will graduate with the core requirements for ordination with the PAONL.

The program saw a strong first semester, with sixteen students from Newfoundland and Labrador at Tyndale. Fourteen of these are in the Pentecostal Studies program, one is in English, and one in the Seminary. The students come from a variety of communities in the province: five are from St. John's, three from Botwood, and the remainder come from Reidville, Virgin Arm, North West River (Labrador), Hawkes Bay, Grandfalls-Windsor, Wing's Point, Bishop's Falls, and Triton.

To ensure a strong connection among Tyndale, NL students, and the PAONL, the program is directed by Dr. Bradley Truman Noel, originally of Springdale, NL.

"We have been warmly received on all counts," reports Dr. Noel. "Our students have moved into their dorm rooms, acquired a taste for the cafeteria food (well, maybe not), rode the bus and subway downtown to see the Toronto Blue Jays, had our first Newfie Night, and are now hard at their studies. (So they tell me. Some things you take by faith!)"

Additional students are expected to begin the program in January 2009, and Peter Newman, the Admissions Counsellor for Newfoundland and Labrador, reports strong interest from others who plan to apply for September 2009.

"...this learning experience includes a full year in the NL context, including a semester of courses taught by Tyndale and qualified PAONL faculty, and a full semester internship in a Pentecostal church community or ministry."

—Dr. Bradley Truman Noel is Director of Pentecostal Studies and Assistant Professor of Christian Ministries at Tyndale University College. Find out more about the program at www.tyndale.ca/university/pentecostal.

Greed versus a multiple bottom line

“The point is, ladies and gentleman, that greed -for lack of a better word - is good. Greed is right. Greed works. Greed clarifies, cuts through, and captures the essence of the evolutionary spirit. Greed, in all of its forms - greed for life, for money, for love, knowledge - has marked the upward surge of mankind.” - Gordon Gecko in Wall Street.

In times of financial difficulties most people tend to question the “fundamental assumptions” they have based their prior actions on. Why did we end up in this mess? How could this happen? Who is to blame? The current financial crisis could therefore be an opportunity to initiate a time for reflection on several levels in our society. It is time to scrutinize our purposes and goals as individuals, as corporations and as societies. What could we have done differently, and how can we prevent a similar financial crisis from happening again? In the financial press, there have been articles offering different reasons why we are experiencing a volatile time in the financial markets now, and reasons why we are seeing

trust in established financial institutions falling.

We will focus here on one contributing factor, namely greed. It has been widely argued that greedy behaviour within the financial industry has contributed to the current situation. Greed—that driving force of self-interest and self-serving ambition famously defined as good (because it ‘works’) by Gordon Gecko in the movie Wall Street—has become, usually in its more subtle forms, the norm for how to achieve success, both on a corporate and individual level. Greed has become a bedrock value in our materialistic society, and it is the cornerstone for the focus on short term financial priorities that govern the kind of corporate actions which have caused the recent turmoil in the economy.

Unfortunately, most business schools around the globe do their best to cement this perspective. Tools and techniques for improving the financial bottom line and tips on how to get promoted are taught in pretty much every course at some of the most prestigious business schools.

In the Gospel of Luke, we read a great challenge to this orthodoxy of greed: “Be on

your guard against all kinds of greed; a man’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions” Luke 12:15 (NIV). Within Tyndale’s business programs we are challenging this single-minded financial perspective which is ultimately rooted in a justification of self-serving behaviour and often motivated by greed. We are expanding the scope of business to a quadruple bottom line approach; an approach which involves social, environmental, spiritual and financial accountability for individuals as well as corporations. While the quadruple bottom line cannot itself prevent another future financial crisis, it is one of the tools that all those who are alert to the danger of greed can use to turn away from a short-term focus on money only, to a focus instead on the broader responsibilities to God, to others and to the world.

—Dr. Jan Alpenberg is Associate Professor of Business Administration at Tyndale University College; Carsten Hennings is Assistant Professor of Business Administration. Find out more about our Business Administration program at www.tyndale.ca/university/business.

RIM COO reminds students that Business is about relationships

“Everything you do in life, everything you do in business has to do with relationships. There is nothing more important than to focus on how you relate to others and how you relate to God.”

These were the words that Don Morrison left with university students during the first Business Lunch Colloquium, held on Thursday November 27, 2008. The Chief Operating Officer, Blackberry at Research in Motion, was invited by the faculty to share his insights and experience with students of the Business Administration program.

Though Morrison spent some time talking about good business practices, and briefly touched on the issue of the economy, his main aim was to inspire students to integrate their spiritual values with the way they relate to others in the working environment. He gave a model for doing this, which had at its base integrity, and included combining education and skills with the right attitude.



Morrison also gave four principles that should govern relations between others in the business environment and in life: tell the truth; keep promises; employ the respect principle; and use fairness as justice. Overall however, he urged students to employ the principle of love, even within difficult work relationships.

“You are called upon to respect the people you work with for their competencies,” he said, “but [as a Christian] you are obligated to love them because of their weaknesses.”

▲ Business students got the chance to listen to insights from RIM COO Don Morrison during November’s Business Lunch colloquium

The November Colloquium was the first of its kind from the Business Administration program. However the plan is to include more of these in the coming semesters, making it a regular feature of the program. It is just one way that the university is providing its students with real world exposure to their areas of study.

—For more information about the Business Administration program, please visit their website at www.tyndale.ca/university/business.



▲ RIM COO Don Morrison (right) takes a moment to talk with a couple Business Program students at the end of the Colloquium.

Psychology Program excels at Tyndale

Tyndale is experiencing terrific growth at the university this year. This is due, in no small part, to the emergence of the psychology program as a leading force.

When Dr. Paul Wong started at Tyndale University College, the expectations for the program were great. Dr. Wong was a tremendous success at Trinity Western University (TWU), where he began the graduate program in psychology. With his wife, Dr. Lilian Wong, working alongside him, the hope was that similar success would follow.

Tyndale has not been disappointed. With 93 per cent more new students enrolled than last year, psychology is now the second-largest program at the university, exceeded only by Religious Studies.

Dr. Paul Wong believes that the psychology program's success at Tyndale lies in it being relevant and highly applicable.

"There are many reasons for psychology's broad appeal," he said. "Such as personal interest, problem solving and career opportunities."

Dr. Wong has been a psychology professor for many years at a number of schools, including University of Toronto, University of Texas, TWU and now Tyndale University College. He has seen psychology grow to become one of the most popular programs at many universities.

"Students realize that psychology is a very broad and diverse discipline, spanning many areas of research, ranging from neuroscience to spirituality," he said. "That is why a psychology degree is most versatile in terms of career pathways."

According to a Canadian government forecast, psychology is one of the four fastest growth areas in future careers. For Dr. Wong though, the benefits of psychology go far beyond job prospects.

"Apart from career considerations, psychological knowledge can benefit society, churches and individuals in numerous ways," he said. "Since my wife and I came to Tyndale two and half-years ago, we have witnessed a great deal of interest in psychology not only from college-age students, but also from adults who have been away from school for many years."

Tyndale's psychology program has also drawn much attention from those outside the institution, particularly, Christian and secular media. Just recently Drs. Paul and Lilian Wong successfully coordinated the 5th biennial International Conference on Meaning, under the theme *Living Well and Dying Well*, in downtown Toronto. During the conference, Senior Advisor on Canada-US relations to the President of the Americas Society, and former CTV personality, Pamela Wallin, was given an award from the International Network on



▲ OMNI News interviews Dr. Paul Wong during 5th biennial International Conference on Meaning in July 2008.

Personal Meaning, an organization founded by the Wongs. The presentation garnered media attention from various community papers, Christian media, and even the Toronto Star.

While the Wongs devoted a great deal of attention and effort to the conference, their main focus is always the future development of the Psychology program at Tyndale.

"Our program has a threefold emphasis: academic excellence, professional skills, and spiritual formation," said Dr. Paul Wong. "In

addition to head knowledge, our students are equipped with psychological tools that can help make life better with meaning and make the world better through understanding.

"With regard to future plans, we are developing more online courses for out-of-town students. We are also working towards post-graduate education so that we can meet the increasing demands for expertise in psychology in an increasingly complex and troubled world."

Defining features of the Tyndale Psychology Program:

UNIQUE HONOURS PROGRAM WITH A DUAL-TRACK:

- A traditional thesis-based program, and
- A counselling-focused applied psychology program.

The traditional program prepares students for doctoral programs in psychology, while the applied psychology program prepares students for both employment and graduate training in counselling.

A DISTINCTIVE POSITIVE AND SPIRITUAL DIMENSION

Faith-learning integration infuses most of our courses. We also offer a unique package of positive psychology courses, such as Introductory Positive Psychology, The Psychology of Meaning and Meaning-Centered Counselling.

MENTORING

We believe that significant learning can take place outside the classroom through mentoring. We work closely with each student to facilitate their personal development academically, professional and spiritually within the context of a Christian community.

ISSUES COVERED IN VARIOUS TYNDALE PSYCHOLOGY COURSES

- To what extent are our behaviors shaped by early childhood experiences?
- How do we identify and help children with emotional or behavioral problems?
- What is the meaning and purpose of life?
- How can we find happiness and success?
- Why is religious faith important for well-being?
- Why do some people thrive under stress while others fall apart?
- How can we help the chronically depressed?

Find out more about our Psychology program at www.tyndale.ca/university/psychology.

There is intrigue about offering a publicly-accountable Bachelor of Education degree at a faith-based institution. Many of the sixty-six Teacher Candidates in the inaugural year of the program are being asked about this by our colleagues in the schools in which they are doing their practicum placements.

The response that seems to have captured the imagination of many has to do with Tyndale being a place which acknowledges that faith, Christian or not, actually continues to be a relevant factor in the lives of many Canadians. Faith-based institutions like Tyndale are poised to enter into such conversations on the educational landscape – conversations regarding the importance of honouring students' home and community contexts, of accommodating religious practices, and of encouraging values common to many faith traditions.

One of the ways Tyndale's BEd program is entering into such conversations, and others like it, is to offer a series of **Faith Expression days**. On five Thursdays spread throughout the 12 month program, the BEd community spends half a day as guests at a sacred space (such as a synagogue or mosque) of a faith community that is likely home to one or several of the students in a publicly-funded school classroom.

The other half of the day is spent considering the questions which emerge from the visit: How do I as a teacher respect the faith tradition of my students and their families? Are there particular



days of the year on which I need to know that my students of a particular faith tradition will have priorities other than homework? What is the process of initiation into the faith tradition that my students are experiencing while in my classroom? These Faith Expression days are meant to help Tyndale's Teacher Candidates become more informed educational servants of their students – students who are part of our society's diverse religious communities.

—Dr. Carla Nelson is Director of the Bachelor of Education program and Assistant Professor of Education at Tyndale University College. Find out more about our unique program at www.tyndale.ca/universityeducation.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Tyndale's BEd program officially began July 2008.
- Program is 12 months long.
- Teacher Candidates will have approximately 100 days in schools in at least three different classroom settings.
- Practica days will be hosted by a number of school boards including the Durham District School Board, Peel District School Board, Toronto District School Board, and York Region District School Board.
- Teacher Candidates will have the chance to develop a professional portfolio for the purpose of application to teaching positions.
- The first ever Tyndale BEd cohort will graduate in June 2009.
- Next cohort will begin July 2009.
- A special alumni award of \$5000 will be awarded to twenty successful Tyndale alumni Bachelor of Education applicants for the July 2009 cohort.

Grads impact the next generation through The Evolving Church Conference

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RB: What are some of the special features?

CL: We're changing our format quite a bit from past conferences. The main sessions will be much more interactive. We are employing an 'instigator' who will tease out the thoughts of our speakers through conversation. We're also really excited that musician Derek Webb has accepted our invitation to perform a mini-concert during the day as well as lead two fantastic workshops on the powers of celebrity.

RB: How have you felt the Lord's influence in this movement?

CL: We have been overwhelmed by God's hand in all of this. We've had other conference organizers ask us how we, four young guys, were able to pull something like this off and when we stand back and look at all that goes into our conferences, and all that results from them, we are forced to admit that it's not us. What we've observed and come to believe through our Epiphaneia journey is that God is blessing the efforts of the four of us, using our friendship to offer something to His Church that it needs right now. That is no guarantee that we will continue to run successful conferences (whatever that means), but it does mean that as long as we feel this sense of call and passion for what we're doing, we'll keep offering the Church we love relevant and timely challenges to become all that Christ is calling it to be.

The Evolving Church: Amidst the Powers conference will be held on Saturday March 21 at The Meeting House in Oakville, ON. For more information and to register, please visit their website at www.epconference.net.

—Rhonda Bowen is Corporate Communications Assistant.

Faculty Updates



Dr. Eric Crouse, History Professor (University), had his article, "Senator Margaret Chase Smith

against McCarthyism: The Methodist Influence" published in *Methodist History* in April 2008. In June, Dr. Crouse presented "Under the Radar: Bible Prophecy, U.S. Foreign Policy, and the Arab-Israeli Conflict, 1948-1967" at the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Conference, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio. Released in July was a paper-back copy of his book *Dear Senator Smith: Small-town Maine Writes to Senator Margaret Chase Smith about the Vietnam War, 1967-1971* (Lexington Books 2008). Forthcoming in the *Journal of the Canadian Church Historical Society* is a review article "Christian Leaders in American History: Unfolding Conservative and Liberal Polarization?"



Dr. Daniel Driver, Assistant Professor of Religious Studies (University), successfully completed his PhD defense at St.

Andrew's University in Scotland.



Dr. Brad Faught, Associate Professor of History (University), was made a Fellow of the Royal Canadian Geographical Society in November 2008. He recently

wrote a book, *Gordon: Victorian Hero*, which was published by Potomac Books of Washington, D.C. His book is available on amazon.ca.



Dr. Daniel Wong, Assistant Professor of Christian Ministries (University), was the keynote speaker for the Asian Pastors

Conference for the American Baptist denomination in Dallas which took place on October 22-23, 2008.

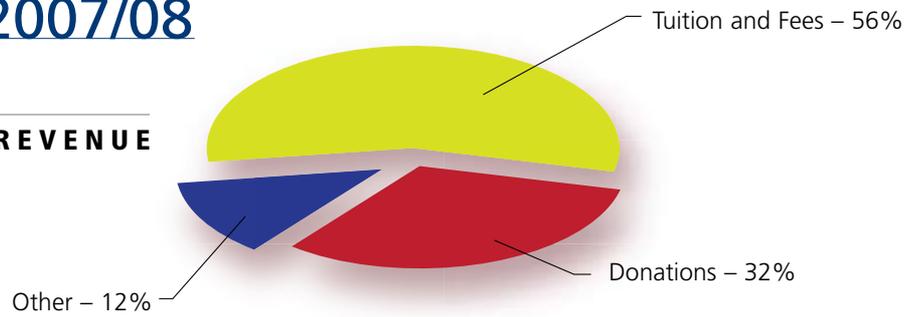


Dr. Richard Davis, Associate Professor of Philosophy (University), spoke at Cedarview Community Church, Newmarket,

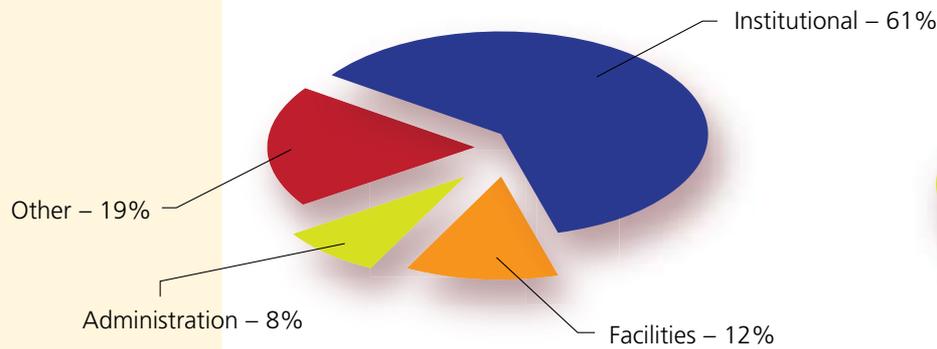
Ontario, on Novembers 9, 2008 on the topic "What would Jesus think?" On November 21, he delivered a paper entitled "The Conceptualist Argument Revisited" at the annual meeting of the Evangelical Philosophical Society in Providence, Rhode Island. He has also contributed a chapter entitled "Magneto, Mutation, and Morality" to the volume *X-Men and Philosophy* (Wiley-Blackwell, forthcoming 2009).

Annual Report 2007/08

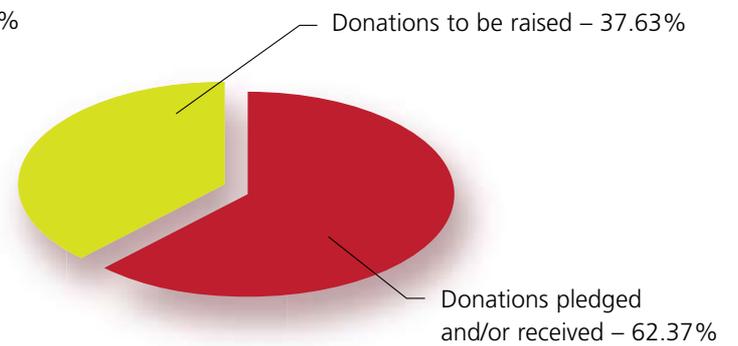
OPERATING REVENUE \$12.8 MILLION



OPERATING EXPENSE \$12.8 MILLION



UNCOMMON GROUND CAPITAL CAMPAIGN (AS OF APRIL 30, 2008) – \$58 MILLION GOAL



Message from Randy Henderson, Senior VP Finance and Chief Operating Officer

This past year contained several important milestones for Tyndale. Once again, we ended the fiscal year with a small surplus, thanks to a combination of increased enrollment and other revenue sources; increased donations from The

Tyndale Foundation; and careful stewardship of the total resources entrusted to us. As demonstrated in the chart above, donations from The Foundation to the school accounted for close to one-third of Tyndale's total operating revenue. As a result of the generosity of God's people, we were able to expand our academic offerings, hire new faculty, upgrade our information systems and, by covering a variety of general school expenses, keep our tuition fees down. Tyndale is debt-free again, thanks to the faithfulness of its supporters.

The past year also saw the purchase of Morrow Park, the home of the Sisters of St. Joseph on Bayview Avenue, and the official launch of the Uncommon Ground capital campaign. The objectives of this \$58 million campaign include: funding the purchase of the Bayview property; providing funds for necessary capital enhancements on both campuses; and facilitating academic program expansions and initiatives. We are pleased to report that the capital campaign is more than two-thirds of the way toward meeting its financial goals.

Other highlights of the year include: the commencement of our new 12-month Bachelor of Education program at the university with a full cohort for its launch; preparations for our new Doctor of Ministry in Leadership program at the seminary, scheduled for a Spring 2009 launch; a number of new book publications and scholarly presentations by several of our faculty members; and an overall increase of 11 percent in student enrollment this past fall as a result of the introduction of new programs combined with a renewed focus on means of attracting students within the GTA and beyond. Each of these, as well as many other highlights, reflect the hand of God at work at Tyndale.

Looking forward, we expect this year to involve continued efforts towards the development of existing academic offerings, strategizing for new programs and further planning for the new Bayview campus. All of our endeavours, by staff and faculty alike, are intended first and foremost to further the mission of Tyndale by enhancing the academic experience of our students. During these times of economic uncertainty we recognize even more the need to rely on God's provisions to meet our needs. We are grateful for the faithfulness of His people.

—Randy Henderson is a former member of the Board of Governors and currently Senior VP Finance and Chief Operating Officer at Tyndale University College & Seminary.



Message from the Development Office

“The very essence of leadership is that you have to have vision. You can't blow an uncertain trumpet.”

—Theodore M. Hesburgh

Becoming an alumnus, donor, student, faculty member or staff member of Tyndale provides the chance to enter into a unique relationship. Through this connection we have the opportunity to receive training and formation of the whole person. And as this relationship grows, we become the beneficiaries of a deepened vision for God's kingdom.

How does this vision influence our journey through life? I believe that we are called to be faithful, open and spiritual followers of the way of Jesus. We know that only his path will lead us into the truth, charity and wisdom that God longs to see embodied in his church.

We have each been entrusted with the special opportunity to receive spiritual wisdom. As this wisdom has taken root and been cultivated within us, our obligation now is to deliver the mission of Tyndale – to train leaders who can transform the world.

I am thankful for your commitment. As we move into the year 2009, my prayer is that this new beginning would be one of growing our vision. I look forward to coming along side your own work and ministry and hope that we can encourage one another.

—Erwin van Laar is Vice President of Development at Tyndale University College & Seminary.



Your Will and You

Understanding the basics of your Will

Your Will is the foundation of your estate planning. It ensures that your wishes are carried out while minimizing confusion, frustration and cost.



WHAT IS A WILL?

A Will is a legal document which is executed by a witnessed signature. Your Will explains, in detail, how your property will be distributed. Having an updated Will has many advantages.

- It makes certain that you, rather than the government, decide what happens to your possessions and property.
- It ensures your children will be looked after in the manner you choose.
- It provides a vehicle through which you can direct gifts to organizations that are meaningful to you.
- It saves time, money and frustration.

WHERE DO I BEGIN?

Step 1: Make a list of all your property
Your property can be:

- **Real Estate** – any land, buildings, or homes which you own.
- **Personal belongings** – such as home furnishings, jewels or clothing.
- **Other property** – such as financial assets, investments, bank accounts.

Not all of your property needs to be distributed through your Will. Certain things will be passed to the beneficiaries you select through a contract rather than through your estate. These items may include life insurance, jointly held property, survivor pension benefits and retirement plans.

Step 2: Decide your beneficiaries

Next, make a list of those who you would want to include in your Will. These individuals and organizations are referred to as beneficiaries. A beneficiary is a person or organization who receives money or property from your estate. You will want to provide for your spouse and children first. This is also an opportunity for you to make a gift to or arrange a trust with a charity of your choice.

Step 3: Choose a main trustee and an alternate

A trustee is someone you appoint to administer the estate. This ensures your assets and property are distributed as you have stipulated, and that any dependent children you may have, are cared

for by the guardian of your choice. You can choose your spouse, a friend or a relative to be your trustee. Some banks and trust companies can also act as your trustee. Your trustee is entitled by law to compensation for their work. The compensation they are entitled to can be up to 5 percent of the total estate value. It is wise to choose an alternate trustee. If the trustee you choose is unable to function on your behalf, or predeceases you, then someone else of your choice can be in place relatively easily. It is a good idea to obtain permission from your main trustee and your alternate trustee to act on your behalf.

Step 4: Choose a guardian and an alternate for your dependent children

If you have any dependent children, you must choose a guardian for them. Choosing a guardian is a very important consideration. The guardian will be a primary influencing factor in your children's lives. Therefore, it is important to choose someone who you feel would raise your children as you would and who holds the same moral values you do.

Step 5: Begin drafting your Will

There are three primary ways for you to draft your Will:

I. Write it yourself

This is called a Holograph Will. It is possible for you to write your own Will, however it is not a recommended procedure. First, there are many technicalities and clauses which must be included in your Will. For this reason, it is wise to seek legal advice. Second, a Will written by you is more likely to be questioned by your heirs and may be tied up in the courts for a considerable length of time.

II. Contact a lawyer

Although a lawyer will charge a fee to write your Will, you will receive a properly written document and the assurance that your Will meets the legal requirements. In addition, your lawyer will ensure that your wishes are clearly stated, so they will be realized when the time comes.

III. Use a bank or trust company

Many banks and trust companies are now able to assist you in your estate planning process, which may include writing your Will. Be sure to inquire what the charge will be for the bank or trust company to write your Will.

Look out for Part 2 of "Your Will and You" in the next issue of Connection. If you are looking for assistance through the estate planning process, a Development Officer from Tyndale University College & Seminary is available without cost or obligation to you. If you would like to meet with a Development Officer, call us at 416.226.6620 ext. 4100 or simply complete the enclosed Action Response Card and send it in to us. One of our Development Officers would be pleased to assist you in this process.

President's DINNER 2009



SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER:

Eric Metaxas

Emcee: Lorna Dueck

TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2009

Place: Paramount Special Event Venue, 222 Rowntree Dairy Road, Woodbridge (Weston Rd & Hwy 7)

Time: Reception 6:00 pm, Dinner 6:45 pm
Cost: Tickets are \$50/person or \$500/table.

Eric Metaxas is a renowned Christian apologetic thinker and writer. He is the author of the New York Times Bestseller *AMAZING GRACE: William Wilberforce and the Heroic Campaign to End Slavery*, which was the official companion book to the feature film "Amazing Grace." Eric has worked as a writer for VeggieTales and is the author of over 30 children's books. He often appears as a cultural commentator on FoxNews and has debated Christopher Hitchens on CNN. Eric's newest book is a full length biography of Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

For more information please contact foundation@tyndale.ca or call Ricki Fisher at 416.226.6620 ext 4100 or Maria Schindel at ext. 4104. You can also complete the enclosed Action Response Card to request an invitation. More details to follow on www.tyndale.ca/foundation.

A Message from the Director of Alumni

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you my fellow alumni. My name is Allan Marriage and I am your new Director of Alumni here at Tyndale. For those of you who know me from my seminary years (1997-2000), I look forward to hearing from you and re-connecting with you here at the school. For those of you whom I have yet to know, I look forward to the opportunity of meeting you, hearing your story of God's work in your life and learning about your Tyndale experience.

While I am the newest addition to the Alumni team, the work has been faithfully



administered in recent months by Rhonda Bowen. Together, Rhonda and I are here to serve you as alumni. Drop by the Alumni office and we would be blessed to connect with you. Want to contact us by phone, email, or via the web? 416.226.6620, alumni@tyndale.ca, and www.tyndale.ca/alumni. You may have left Tyndale, but Tyndale's desire to educate, equip, and minister to you lasts a lifetime.

We are here for you! God bless you.
In Christ, Allan Marriage

—Tyndale is pleased to welcome Allan Marriage into the role of Alumni Director.



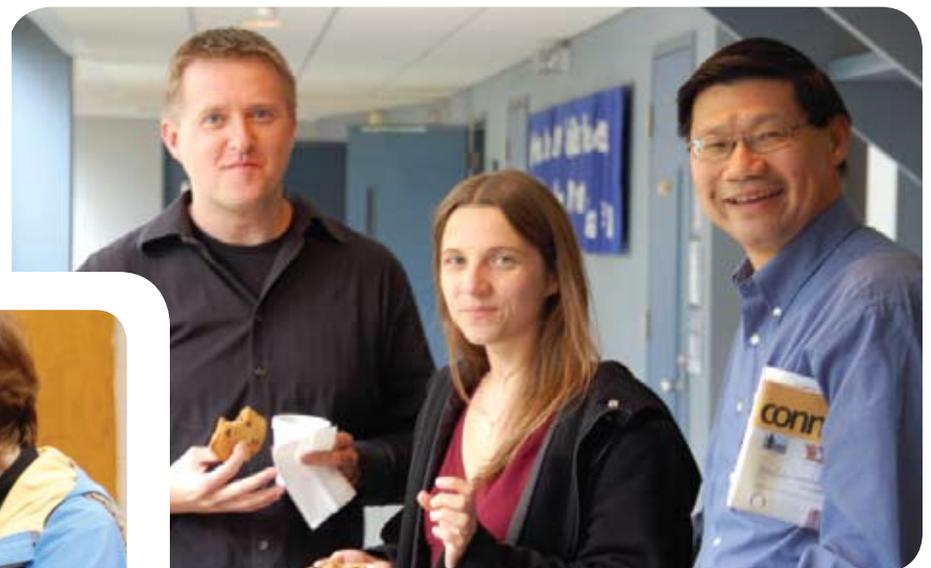
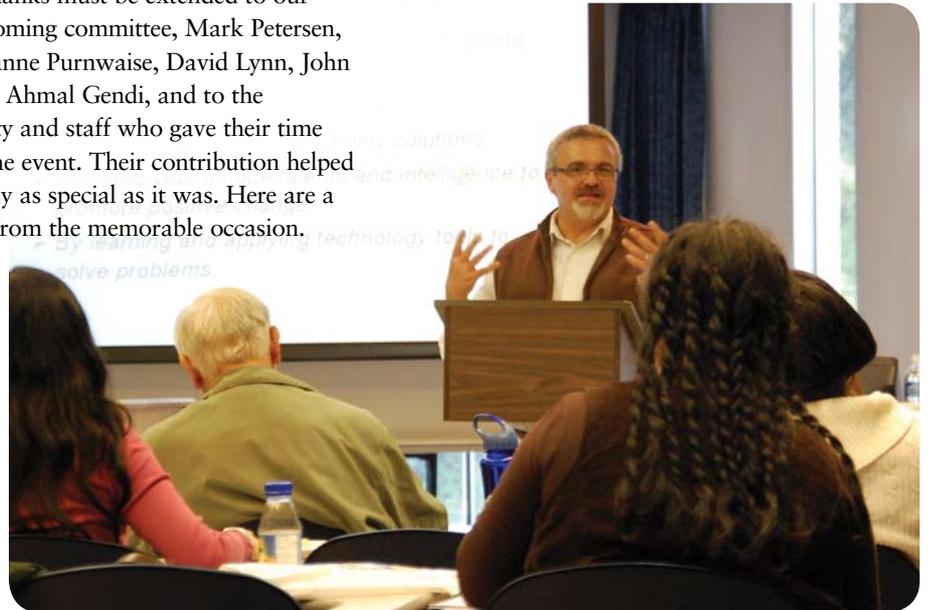
DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

We are accepting nominations from university college & seminary alumni for the Distinguished Alumni award, which will be presented on May 9, 2009. There will be two candidates chosen, one from the university college and one from the seminary. Please visit www.tyndale.ca/alumni for the award criteria and nomination form. You may submit these by email to alumni@tyndale.ca or by snail mail to Tyndale Alumni, 25 Ballyconnor Court, Toronto ON, M2M 4B3. The deadline for submission is February 8, 2009.

Homecoming 2008 Captured Moments

Saturday October 4, 2008 marked the Alumni Association's Homecoming Day. It was the first of its kind in almost twenty years and served to reunite alumni with their school and with each other. Through the meet and greet, Tyndale Updates, special seminars and worship session, our alumni had a chance to "Reconnect, Renew, and Rediscover," all that was special to them about their alma mater.

Heartfelt thanks must be extended to our alumni homecoming committee, Mark Petersen, Sky Starr, Rosanne Purnwise, David Lynn, John Steadman, and Ahmal Gendi, and to the students, faculty and staff who gave their time and effort to the event. Their contribution helped to make the day as special as it was. Here are a few moments from the memorable occasion.



When Chris Riley graduated from Tyndale with his MDiv in Education in 2001, starting an overseas education ministry was the last thing on his mind. But God had other plans for him. It all started with a vacation trip to the Philippines.

“I wanted a holiday and I decided to go the Philippines because I figured I could get the most out of what I had to spend.”

While there, Riley made a few friends and came up with the idea of Chris Riley Education Ministries (CREM), in which he would use his knowledge in the area of technology to teach Computer Basics. Riley not only started a Computer Basics class, but also trained two local persons to teach in this area, and developed two manuals to aid the program.

“I had worked with 16 to 21 year olds before in a similar program and I wanted to start the same thing here, but add an element of Christ to what we were teaching as well,” he explained.

Having set up his program, Riley was prepared to return home and continue on with his life as he had known it. But God had different plans.

“When I was leaving they came to me and told me they needed my help – that there were kids here that needed my help,” he says.

The children referred to were those in Toril and Punta Bilar, two of the poorest areas in the Philippines. At first, Riley was reluctant to get involved, but after much persuading, he agreed.

“I said okay, I will help these five kids, just to get them to stop asking,” explained Riley. “But God pulled me in, and here I am six months later, still helping,”



Riley has been aiding the people in Toril and Punta Bilar by providing school supplies for children, and rice and food supplies for families, mostly from his own pocket. This is a welcomed gift to the residents, who often scrounge through the nearby Surigao City dump for items they can pawn for money to feed themselves.

Though he has returned to Canada, he continues to assist by sending money to his CREM trainees in the Philippines, who in turn purchase and distribute supplies to those in need. His trainees also work with two local pastors to provide for spiritual needs of the people they help.

Working with the people of Toril and Punta Bilar has taught Riley a lot about what it means to serve in foreign lands.

“Sometimes we want to superimpose our values on others. We don’t ask people what they need,” he says. “But these are sensible people.

They know what they need, they just don’t have the money.”

As Chris follows the CREM team on the ground in the Philippines, he has come to understand more about Christian sacrifice.

“I’m learning a lot about the theology of compassion,” he says. “When I hear about what these people go through it brings tears to my eyes. We are not Christians like them— these are dedicated Christians. They have given up their lifestyle to help these people.”

Riley will continue to work with the people in the Philippines because it is what he feels the Lord has called him to do. His plan is to start a charity here in Canada through which he can better help not only those in Toril and Punta Baril, but also those in Tandag and Poctoy, two new areas to which CREM has expanded its mission. However, he is still looking for guidance on how such a charity can be set up.

Until then he will continue to do the best he can with what he has.

“God sent me to Tyndale and there must be a reason for it,” he says. “I thought, how can I use this (education) to glorify God. Maybe this is it.”

—To learn more about Christopher’s ministry please visit www.chrisriley.org. You may also contact Chris directly at christopherriley@chrisriley.org.

In Memoriam

Leon Willis (Bud) Elford, 1952 graduate of the London College of Bible and Missions, passed away September 20, 2008 in Moose Jaw SK, just four days shy of his 84th birthday. Bud served the Lord well during his life as a great missionary and leader. In his earlier years he enlisted to serve his country and was involved in active duty on D-Day. After WWII, he returned to Canada where he met and married Marjorie Jordanoff. Bud loved Canada’s First Nations people and spent 56 years in ministry to the Dene (Chipewyan) people through the Northern Canada Evangelical Mission. He played a pivotal role in developing the Dene literacy program and in the translation of scriptures and hymns. Bud is survived by his wife Marjorie, his sons Roan and Kit, and his daughter Terry along with numerous other relatives. He will be remembered fondly by all.

Remembering Jean Gast

On July 22, 2008, Jean Gast, former staff member at the Ontario Bible College, went to rest with the Lord at the age of 87. Here is a short excerpt from Jean’s reminiscing before she passed away.



In 1973 we moved to Toronto feeling God’s call upon us to go on staff at the Ontario Bible College, Loren as Building Superintendent and me as Receptionist in the office. We lived in a small third floor apartment above the administration offices on Spadina Avenue. It was adequate and cozy. We even had the privilege of watching the famous CN Tower being constructed, as it was visible out our little window.

It was wonderful getting to know students. Loren would start each day with a short devotion with the student workers who were assigned to assist him in his maintenance work. Some of those friendships have lasted through the years.

Jean and her husband Loren served at OBC between 1973 and 1981 and took some night school courses with the college as well. Loren is currently living at Strathmere Lodge in Strathroy.

Wilma Watson

On January 9, 2008, Wilma Watson, 1941 graduate of the Toronto Bible College, and 1977 Ontario Bible College alumnus of the year, passed into her final rest. She will be dearly missed by many, most significantly, the Yonge Street Mission where she spent many years as a long time employee, volunteer and inspiration to all who knew her.

Miss Watson joined the Mission in 1942 and served for 41 years, retiring in 1983. Even after this retirement, she continued to serve as a volunteer for an additional 20 years.

Her humble approach to leadership at the Mission touched many lives. Former Director Glenn Taylor said, “If it hadn’t been for Wilma’s counsel, affirmation and encouragement I would hardly have known where to start.” For years she was the prime contact with donors, trained the executive leadership, and kept us going when the men were unable or unwilling. “If she were alive today,” says President & CEO Rick Tobias, “she would be the single foremost urban worker in the country. She truly rates as one of this nation’s best kept secrets and unsung heroes.”

Alumni Updates

Alf Davis MDiv 1997 majored in counselling and has used this knowledge to develop a ministry called Agape Healing International. He has taught Christian counselling and Christ-Centered Inner Healing in India, Indonesia, China, Austria, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Kazakhstan and France, as well as in Canada. In December, a site called LoveHealsTV offered his book, "Free to Be Me," his training manual and his ten week small group program for inner healing for free on its station. In February he will be going to Romania and possibly back to Colombia in the spring. Alf's wife has joined him on many of these trips and he has found that the experiences have enhanced his marriage of 41 years. He is thankful to Roy Matheson for his support and co-teaching on some of these missions and for the support of Chartwell Baptist Church and his pastor Ross Macdonald. He attributes his ministry's success to his study at Tyndale and the mentoring and encouragement of Dr. Brian Cunningham.

Pamela C. Fitkin BRE 2005 was a 2008 recipient of the Leonard Griffith Expository Preaching Award. The award was presented to her last May during her convocation at Wycliffe College, University of Toronto, where she graduated with a Master of Divinity. Pamela became an accredited Baptist Pastor with the Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec in 2007. Pamela continues to serve as she awaits Ordination.

Patrick Friesen BRE 1993 moved to Steinbach, MB with his family in order to take on the position of Director of Communications in the Worship Arts Faculty at Steinbach Bible College. The Tyndale Alumni office wishes Patrick and his family all the best as they start this new journey.

Dave Gast BSM 1967 had his book *Musing and Muttering through Cancer* published in 2008 by Word Alive Press in Winnipeg, Manitoba. The book reflects on the journey through cancer, and is based on Dave's own experience of being diagnosed with cancer in 2004, and undergoing surgery and chemotherapy.



Dave has served on the Faculty of Music at Tyndale, and has also traveled to Ecuador with his family to serve with radio based ministry HCJB Global. Since his return to Canada in 1982 he has served as a Pastor of Music and Worship at the Bramalea Baptist Church; First Baptist Church in Prince George; Bayview Glen Alliance and First Baptist Orillia.

Dave's passion in ministry is to assist the church in creating an integrated worship experience, including both contemporary and traditional music.

His wife **Sharon Gast BSM 1991** who has worked with him on many occasions, has also served at the Bethesda Counselling Services and the Salvation Army Divisional Headquarters. She is now working at the office of Trans World Radio in London where they both reside.

Peter Lau MDiv 1999 began a new assignment in November 2008 as Pastor of Marketplace Ministry at the Toronto Chinese Alliance Church. In this position Peter is helping to equip career Christians to witness to Christ and to integrate faith with work so as to holistically actualize their call in the marketplace and workplace.

Colin McFarland MDiv 2000 is working as a teacher at a high school in Shenyang, Liaoning Province, PRC, in northeast China. He teaches Grade 11 English Literature and History and Grade 10 Math this year. He is there with his two young daughters, and his wife Jessica, who also teaches ESL. As they teach they are learning and adapting to their new culture, while letting Christ's light shine through them.

Elise Robitaille MTS (M-16) 2006 was ordained on Thanksgiving Sunday October 2008 and installed as Lead Pastor of Covenant Christian Community Church in Penetanguishene (a Brethren in Christ Church). Prior to this, Elise had served as the associate Pastor at Covenant.

Reverend Robert F.C. Selby BTh 1977 had his ordination recognized by the United Church of Canada in May 2008, and is now serving as the Pastor of Claremont United Church in Claremont, Ontario. Reverend Selby moved to Claremont from St. James-Rosemount United Church in Kitchener, where he had been serving in team ministry for the last two years.

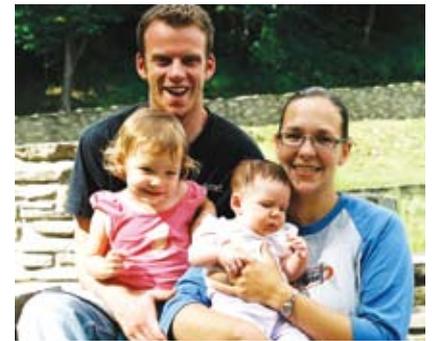
Dudley Ward (1965) had his book *Programmed by God or Free to Choose?* published in October 2008 by Resource Publications. During the 1960s Dudley and his wife Jill studied at the Toronto Bible College where he was

chairman of the student missionary committee. Dudley and Jill now live twenty miles away and serve in an itinerant role, visiting missionaries and national workers, offering encouragement, advice and spiritual help.

2008 Alumni Babies

Karen Ursula Bryan MDiv 2008 and husband Colin welcomed their baby girl Cassia Brielle Nola-May into the world on October 15, 2008. She was a whopping 9lbs 7oz.

Eileen (Vanderwerff) Godwaldt BRE 2004 and husband Richard welcomed their second daughter Tiffany Nadine into the world on April 15, 2008. Tiffany was born at West Lincoln Memorial Hospital in Grimsby, Ontario. She weighed 7lbs 15 oz. and is a welcome addition, especially for her big sister Alana. When not busy with her beautiful daughters, Eileen also volunteers with the youth ministry at Bethel Christian Reformed Church.



Chris Ricci Leading Edge 2003 and **Beth Carter-Ricci BA 2006** welcomed their son Isaac Aidan into the world on September 16, 2008. Isaac was born at the North York General Hospital in Toronto, Ontario, and weighed 8lbs. He is beautiful and loved beyond measure by his parents and family, especially Dr. Craig Carter, Tyndale professor and proud grandfather to Isaac.



Ryan Tindale BA 2008 and wife Jeanna are happy to announce the birth of their son Ethan Jameson who entered the world on August 1, 2008. The little champ was born at the Markham Stouffville Hospital and weighed 7lbs and 5oz.

Wisdom is a tree of life to those who eat her fruit; happy is the man who keeps on eating it. —Proverbs 3:18 TLB



Summer is the perfect time to work on increasing your wisdom, and what better place to do this than through Tyndale's Spring & Summer course offerings? A few weeks of summer school provides an opportunity for you to develop personally and professionally, and gain skills that will enhance your ministry. This summer our roster is full of excellent offerings, including a number of new courses that promise to be highly relevant and engaging for students of all stages.

COMMUNICATING THE GOSPEL IN A MULTI-RELIGIOUS WORLD

This course takes some of the basic features of the Christian gospel and looks at how these interact with corresponding beliefs in other religions. This course will be taught by Dr. Ajith Fernando, world-renown Sri Lankan missiologist and keynote speaker from Urbana 2006.

LIVING LEADERSHIP

Dr. Alan Anderson, Vice President of IVCF Canada and a longtime trainer of campus ministry leaders, will be teaching this course, which promises to explore a philosophy and theology of leadership through the life of Moses.

CREATIVITY AND CHANGE IN MINISTRY

If you are involved, or are planning to be

involved in a special ministry, then this is the course for you. Dr. David Overholt, one of the foremost North American experts in ministry to the next generation, will cover this extremely important issue in contemporary church life.

EMERGING MOVEMENTS IN THE POSTMODERN CHURCH

This is another new course and will be taught by Dr. Lee Beach.

1 & 2 CHRONICLES

Dr. Keith Bodner, Professor of Religious Studies at Atlantic Baptist University, will be returning to teach a text and interpretation course on Chronicles, the last books of the entire Hebrew Bible. Students will discover what a prominent scholar refers to as "one of the richest mines of spirituality in all Scripture."

FILM METHOD AND MEANING

If you fancy yourself a film buff, this course is for you. It will be led by Murray Stiller, who holds a Master's degree from Regent College focusing on fine arts, and who currently teaches at Simon Fraser University and Capilano University in film editing.

—For more information and to register, visit www.tyndale.ca/summer.

Did you Know...

Alumni members, did you know that you get to audit one course for free upon graduation? If you have not yet taken your one free audited course, now is the time to do so. Plan to take one of these courses this summer to equip you further in effectively leading and serving in God's Kingdom.

Contact alumni@tyndale.ca if you have questions.

Alumni Sports



ALUMNI VARSITY DAY SATURDAY FEBRUARY 7, 2009

Used to play varsity sports back in the day? Then Alumni Varsity Day on February 7, 2009 is your time to show Tyndale's current teams what the game's really about.

2:00p.m. Men's Volleyball Game
4:00p.m. Men's Basketball Game
6:00p.m. Supper @ the Katimavik

All past male varsity basketball and volleyball players are invited to come out and play our current men's varsity teams.

RA ALUMNI FLOOR HOCKEY GAMES - SATURDAY MARCH 28, 2009

1:00p.m. Women's Games
3:00p.m. Men's Games
5:00p.m. Pizza @ the Katimavik

All former Resident Advisors are invited to come out to play and all alumni are invited to come to cheer and to stay for supper.

Both events will take place at the Tyndale gymnasium. Please RSVP to Sharolyn McLeod at smcleod@tyndale.ca or call 416.226.6620 ext. 6710 for more information.

GOLDEN MILERS OF 1959:

THIS IS YOUR YEAR!

Are you from the class of 1959? If so, this is your year to celebrate 50 years of graduation with the class of 2009. We hope you will come out as we celebrate you. To commemorate this special event, we are making a keepsake full of all your memories, photos and letters. To send in your letters and/or photos or to get more information contact Rhonda Bowen (Alumni Assistant): alumni@tyndale.ca or 25 Ballyconnor Court, Toronto, ON, M2M 4B3.



Tyndale Events

January

THE WORSHIP PROJECT

Friday January 30 – Saturday January 31, 2009
www.worshipproject.ca

February

VARSITY ALUMNI DAY

Saturday February 7, 2009 (see page 19)

UNIVERSITY PREVIEW EVENING

Tuesday February 10, 2009
www.tyndale.ca/university/future/visit

LEADERSHIP 360: TEAM BUILDING

Friday February 27, 2009 (see page 6)
www.tyndale.ca/leadership/events.php

March

RA ALUMNI FLOOR HOCKEY MATCH

Saturday March 7, 2009
 (see page 19)

OPEN HOUSE (UNIVERSITY & SEMINARY)

Saturday March 7, 2009
www.tyndale.ca/university/future/visit

HONEYMAN LECTURES

Tuesday March 10, 2009 (see page 3)

EPIPHANIA PRESENTS EVOLVING CHURCH: AMIDST THE POWERS CONFERENCE

Saturday March 21, 2009 (see page 3)
 The Meeting House in Oakville ON
 Features Stanley Hauerwas, Marva Dawn and
 Walter Wink. For more information contact
www.epconference.net

LEADERSHIP 360 SEMINAR: MANAGING CONFLICT

Friday March 27, 2009 (see page 6)
www.tyndale.ca/leadership/events.php

PRESIDENT'S DINNER

Tuesday March 31, 2009 (see page 15)

April

SPRING CONCERT

Saturday April 4, 2009, 7:30p.m.
 Sisters of St. Joseph (stepper@tyndale.ca)

UNIVERSITY ENCOUNTER DAY

Tuesday April 7, 2009
www.tyndale.ca/university/future/visit

GOLDEN MILERS DAY – CLASS OF 1959

Tuesday April 14, 2009 (see page 19)

LEADERSHIP 360 SEMINAR: CREATING A NEW FUTURE

Friday April 24, 2009 (see page 6)
www.tyndale.ca/leadership/events.php

May

MARRIAGE PREPARATION SEMINAR

Friday May 1, 2009, 7p.m. – 10p.m.
 Saturday May 2, 2009, 10a.m. – 5p.m.
 Contact Rebecca Chase, rchase@tyndale.ca or
 416.226.6620 ext. 2123 for more information

GRADUATION

Saturday May 9, 2009, 3:00p.m.
 Queensway Cathedral (near Etobicoke)

LEADERSHIP 360 SEMINAR: DEVELOPING YOUR ORGANIZATIONAL CULTURE

Friday May 29, 2009 (see page 6)
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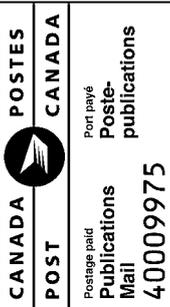
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UNIVERSITY ENCOUNTER DAY

Tuesday June 9, 2009 (see page 8)
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CENTRE FOR MENTORSHIP AND THEOLOGICAL REFLECTION PRESENTS: THE CROSS, SUFFERING AND SPIRITUAL BEWILDERMENT

Thursday June 19, 2009, 6:30p.m. – 9:30p.m.
 Speakers include Dr. Alister McGrath,
 Dr. Michael Haykin. For more information
 contact Dr. Dennis Ngien at dngien@tyndale.ca



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