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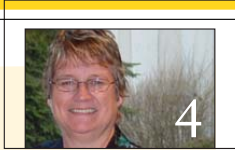
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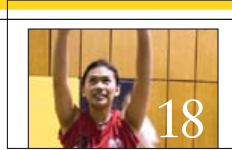
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Lebanon Bound



Christmas Fun



Talons Soar

Government Approves Tyndale's Proposed Education Degree Program

After a lengthy process of assessment and due diligence, the Honourable Chris Bentley, Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities, has affirmed his intention to provide a letter of consent for Tyndale University College to deliver a 12-month Bachelor of Education (BEd) degree program. On Friday, January 12, at a media event held at Tyndale University College & Seminary, David Zimmer, MPP-Willowdale joined President Brian C. Stiller to announce the Ministry's approval for Tyndale to apply for accreditation of its pending BEd program.

"Tyndale University College is a symbol of academic excellence and a jewel in the Willowdale community," said MPP David Zimmer. "The approval for Tyndale to pursue the opening of its own teachers' college supports and respects the unique, quality education that Tyndale has provided in Toronto and Willowdale for over a century."

In the province of Ontario, responsibility for accrediting teacher education programs lies with the Ontario College of Teachers. Tyndale is now eligible to petition the college for accreditation of the BEd program. This process has already begun. It is possible that final approval to proceed may be given as early as September 2007, with an anticipated launch of the first BEd cohort to follow in January 2008.

"This is an important step in the 113-year history of Tyndale in providing outstanding value-based education to the Ontario community," said President Stiller. "Through the efforts and leadership of our MPP David Zimmer, we have been able to achieve this important milestone."

"The opportunity to deliver this degree will enable Tyndale to prepare teacher candidates in a Christian environment to participate in the public domain as fully qualified teachers. I am also pleased to announce that Tyndale will offer this

program in partnership with four public school boards, each of which has agreed to welcome Tyndale's students into their schools so that they can complete their practicum (student teaching) requirement. This represents a remarkable opportunity for Christians to consider their faith and its implications for their future role as educators in the public sphere. We thank God for His favour as we move forward in this process," said Tyndale's provost, Earl Davey.

"I applaud the McGuinty government in awarding Tyndale this exciting opportunity to offer a BEd degree," noted Dr. Charles Price, Senior Minister of The Peoples Church in Willowdale. "As such, it will provide enormous service to our community."

The Rev. Dr. Samuel Chan, Senior Pastor, Richmond Hill Chinese Community Church



▲ MPP - David Zimmer (Willowdale) announces that Tyndale University College has received approval to apply for the BEd program.

echoed the same approval: "We are pleased that the government is supporting Tyndale in allowing this degree. Tyndale has for years been important to our church community and the BEd program will be of great value to our people."

More than 50 pastors and community leaders were on hand to celebrate this announcement.

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R.J. Bernardo Chair Installed



A noted educator and leader has been installed as the second R.J. Bernardo Family Chair of Leadership at Tyndale University College &

Seminary. It was with great anticipation of an exciting future that Dr. Paul Magnus was installed to the Chair on November 29, 2006 in the Van Norman Worship and Study Centre.

Dr. Magnus is well-known throughout Canadian Christian circles. He has mentored various organizations and is devoted to ensuring that Christians have the necessary guidance to function as leaders in the Church and marketplace.

For the last 38 years he served at Briercrest Bible College in Saskatchewan in a variety of capacities. From 1996 to 2004, he was president. He also led two prominent national organizations, serving as Chair of the Board of the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada (EFC) and of the Council for Christian Higher Education Canada (CHEC).

"Dr. Paul Magnus is, in my view, more qualified to fill this post than any other Canadian I could imagine," said President Stiller at the installation ceremony. "We believe this Chair will facilitate Tyndale as we fulfill our educational mission and give a more intentional focus to developing leaders. Our goal is to integrate leadership education so that it permeates a student's entire experience at the school."

The Chair of Leadership was established in 2000 through a gift from the Charis Foundation, which provides an intentional focus for teaching, research and mentoring

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Together We Achieve



On Tuesday, December 21, I received a phone call from Mr. David Zimmer, MPP for Willowdale. It was good news. For almost 12 years, we had waited for word from the provincial government regarding our application to offer a Bachelor of Education program. In that phone call we were told that Chris Bentley, Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities had informed Mr. Zimmer that he had just signed a letter authorizing us to proceed.

This journey started some years ago, soon after we received university status in June 2003. Central to our vision in offering university education is preparing quality young people to enter society as ‘salt and light’, blessing our world. We recognize the opportunity to make a vital contribution in the lives of children and youth by preparing teachers for the marketplace.

That phone call was good news on a number of levels. First, it allows Tyndale to fulfill its sense of calling. Some ten years ago we decided that becoming a Christian university would be core to the college.

Second, it helps build credibility. Students and parents rightly ask if our education is of university standard. How do we answer? Having been a college for over 100 years, we now face two major challenges: to provide an education that meets and exceeds those standards and to be regarded as a school that has been accredited to offer university degrees.

Another challenge is that there is no accrediting body in Canada to which a non-government funded school can apply for accreditation. It took a huge effort to pass through the guarded gate of the government in order to offer Bachelor of Arts degrees. We had offered religious degrees for years, but it wasn't until June 2003 that we could proceed with offering university degrees. Now that we can offer this important and highly valued BEd degree, it demonstrates we have the capacity to deliver it and is recognition from the government that we meet their standards.

We did not get here alone. During the past few months, a number of pastors and church leaders helped us convince the government that a positive response to our BEd application would be in the best interest of the province. Let me thank four church leaders who were our spokesmen on this matter:

- Rev. Dr. Sam Chan, senior minister at Richmond Hill Chinese Community Church,
- Pastor Orim M. Meikle, senior minister at Rhema Ministries,
- Dr. Charles Price, senior minister at The Peoples Church, and
- Rev. Dr. Minh Song, senior minister at The Young-Nak Korean Presbyterian Church.

As well, the following ministers attended meetings with David Zimmer, MPP, and/or the Honourable Greg Sorbara, Minister of Finance:

- Major Lloyd Boone, major at Salvation Army North York Temple,
- Rev. Karyl Cardinouche, co-pastor at Willowdale Baptist Church,
- Rev. Wing Chan, senior minister at North Toronto Chinese Baptist Church,
- Pastor Daniel Leung, pastor of Ministry Service at Toronto Chinese Community Church,
- Minister Andy Miller at Rhema Ministries,
- Rev. Keith Montgomery, senior minister at Wellspring Worship Centre (previously known as Banfield Memorial Church),
- Pastor Dalton M. Roach, assistant pastor at Rhema Ministries,
- Rev. Dr. Irving Whitt, pastor of Global Outreach at The Peoples Church, and
- Rev. Joseph Wong, senior pastor at Milliken Gospel Church.

We praise God for the wonderful and valuable allies we have in such church and ministry leadership.

Editor's Note

Rejoicing in God's Favour

I like words. Surprise!

I really do. I like to hunt for just the right word when I write. But more than all, I like the sound of words as they roll off the tongue. For example, when I was younger, the word Czechoslovakia was one of my “favourite.” I like being able to make up words or phrases and I find it refreshingly amusing when other people create words whose meanings are phonetically apparent when used in context. While a grad student, I had the pleasure of being present when one professor uttered the word, *boogooyagga*. To this day, I believe he coined it. Of course, this was in reference to the type of music enjoyed by all hip teenagers of the time. You know the kind: usually the catchy, syncopated rhythms produced by the drums and bass guitars; played so loud that its resounding beat causes the earth's tectonic plates to shift. Certainly, it's the kind that mutes their parent's voices. But, I digress.

Recently, I spoke with an aide-de-camp of a senior official about how Christ moves in one's life or in an organization's life. (I am appropriating *aide-de-camp* because I prefer it to “executive assistant” when speaking about someone who seems quite officious.) Back to my story: she mentioned that as Christians we know when we are recipients of God's favour or when God's hand is evident in our lives. If it is, everything leading up to a certain conclusion seems to fall in the right place—even in spite of what you have, or have not, done. Both of us agreed that God's favour is evident when the events leading up to the concluding situation was meant for you and only you. At least that is how it looks in retrospect. Evident because you were seemingly in the right place at the right time and speaking with the right persons. Everything just seems to have worked together for good: your life experiences, your planned or chance successes, and even the failures. God's favour

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Astrophysicist Provides Links between Christianity and Science

Celebrated Christian astrophysicist, Hugh Ross delivered two lectures at Tyndale University College & Seminary in September 2006.

More than 350 people came to hear him defend the truth that God made the heavens and the earth. Said President Stiller in introducing the famous astrophysicist, “Dr. Ross has such clarity, insight and capacity to roll out and unpack those issues that seem to divide people in the faith-science debate. We may not agree with everything he says, but he will provide a very good foundation as he helps us consider the debate.”

Ross is the author of many important books dealing with science and religion. These include *The Creator and the Cosmos*, *Creation as Science* and *The Fingerprint of God*. He is also the founder of Reasons to Believe, a nonprofit organization devoted to showing the compatibility between Christian faith and the facts of science.

Through a PowerPoint presentation, Ross outlined the case for the Creator. One of his



major arguments is that the universe is so superbly fine-tuned that it is ludicrous to believe that it came into existence by chance. Ross cited statistics in a whole array of scientific topics to show how astronomically high the odds are against the cosmos happening by accident. Lecturing both at

Tyndale and the University of Toronto, Ross maintained that the case for God improves dramatically every month simply because of new scientific evidence. Ross attributes the exponential rise in the number of scientists, especially biologists, who believe in God to

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Ross has discovered through his scientific research the accuracy of the famous statement: “The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.” (Psalms 19:1)



▲ Celebrating with over 20,000 people

Urbana 06: A Vision for the World

“I now see the world in a new light.” This is one of the main comments from the Tyndale representatives at the triennial Inter-Varsity missions conference, Urbana 06, held in St. Louis, Missouri from December 27 to 31, 2006. Students, faculty, staff and administration from Tyndale University College & Seminary, numbering 35 strong, took part in this life-changing experience. They were exposed to speakers, mission representatives and students from around the world. The students brought a perspective that cultivated a vision of, and compassion for,

the people of the world. It was the largest Urbana – numbering 22,000 (10% of whom were from Canada).

The Urbana 06 theme, “You Have a Calling,” issued a challenge. We all wrestled with the implications of that challenge. Ajith Fernando, from Sri Lanka, expounded on the Book of Ephesians. This was supplemented by an inductive Bible study. There was a plethora of tracks and seminars to expand our perspective on global involvement.

A key highlight of Urbana 06 was the

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In the Pipeline



Dr. Victor Shepherd will offer a fourth-year Tyndale University College course on the Philosophy of Emil Fackenheim.

An internationally recognized expert on death and dying, Dr. Paul Wong will offer a psychology course on this topic, “The Scientific Studies of Death Acceptance: Implications for Hospice and Palliative Care” during the 2007-2008 school year at Tyndale University College.

Dr. Lilian Wong’s meaning-centered approach to play therapy has become a promising therapeutic tool to help children deal with grief and loss. She will incorporate play therapy in her psychology course, Counselling Children, in 2007-2008 at Tyndale University College.

The course, Big Books (INDS 1013) will be available for high school students this summer. In a one-week period, students will join the great conversation of western civilization by reading and discussing some of the classics of western thought, in their historical and cultural context. This intense academic experience will focus on the Antiquity, the Middle Ages with the spread of Christianity and the Modern period, with special attention to art, technology and warfare. Some of the texts include works by Homer, Aristotle, St. Augustine, Dante, Froissart, Milton, Shakespeare, Jane Austen, C.S. Lewis and Tolkien. For more details, contact University College Dean Dr. Daniel Scott at dscott@tyndale.ca.

Beginning Fall 2007, students working towards the BA Religious Studies degree at Tyndale University College may focus on either Youth Ministry, Pastoral Studies or Intercultural Studies.

At Home In The Mission Field

Imagine living in a country or region where political upheaval is the way of life. For 18 months, Tyndale grad Julie-Anne Brace lived in Lebanon. She quickly discovered that while the Lebanese are friendly, generous and hospitable, their socio-political reality is coloured by continuous strife.

In the midst of continuous war and strife, citizens of war-torn countries cope by being very sociable and helpful to each other. The status quo in Lebanon is no different. Home visits and being lovingly catered to is the norm. Brace smiles as she recalled that this closeness to neighbours took quite a bit of getting used to. She often felt as though she just needed to have her personal space.

During the 18-month period before the recent war (which occurred between Lebanon and Israel in summer 2006), there had been ongoing political tensions between factions. Brace explained that a neighbouring country had been intervening in Lebanon's domestic affairs by giving financial and other means of support to various groups and that this is the main cause of the continuing political instability. Apart from this, and to complicate matters, ensuing hostilities broke out between Lebanon and Israel on July 12, 2006.



◀ Julie-Anne Brace was eager to return to Lebanon to continue her ministry there.

team members to leave when their home embassy called. The Canadian team members were the last to leave. On the eighth day of war, a Lebanese family braved the raging inferno of bombs and traversed the mountains to offer Brace a safe passage back to their home in the city where she awaited further evacuation instructions. She waited. Two days seemed like a week.

On the tenth day, she went to the port and joined a long line. Looking back, she has nothing but sincere appreciation as she applauds the efforts of the Canadian volunteers with the

study Intercultural Studies with an emphasis on the Middle East. Her professor-mentors' contribution proved to be invaluable as they helped her with her life's direction, specifically as it related to preparing for Lebanon. Two of these professors connected her with a sending agency. As had been the case since she realized her call in 1999, this too turned out to be a natural fit.

Brace explains, "The philosophy of mission that I had come to embrace matched perfectly with that of the sending agency. They believe that each person should be allowed to work professionally according to their spiritual discernment and then the rest is left up to God. This agency admittedly and deliberately sends professionals to countries within the Asian and Arab world where the status quo is characterized by continuous political and social hardships."

Brace was placed in a Christian school with a student population of 1,100 students, 70% of whom are Muslim. Though she spent her first year teaching final year high school English, she is now a resource consultant to the teachers. She also travels down into Beirut to study Arabic.

"I am in Lebanon indefinitely. It is where my heart is. I love the people, the country, its beauty and history.... even the difficulty in learning the language!" Brace enthuses.

Financing missionaries is an ongoing challenge and it is no different for Brace. During the past five months spent in Canada, she had been actively building relationships and networks that she hopes will provide much needed support. Shortly before Christmas 2006, she received the call from her sending agency to return to Lebanon.

Now back in Lebanon, Brace continues to keep in touch with friends and colleagues in Canada. She feels blessed by their financial support, as she carries out very important work in a war-torn country. She seeks simply to love the people and, through the teachers, prepare the next generation of leaders.

If you wish to contact Julie-Anne, she may be reached via email at info@hardplaces.ca.

"...each person should be allowed to work professionally according to their spiritual discernment and then the rest is left up to God."

Situated in the mountains east of Beirut outside of the hot zone, from her village's vantage point, Brace looked down on Beirut and the Mediterranean Sea. She reminisces that during the war, she was not afraid for herself. She felt at peace and was very aware of God's comforting grace. She was very concerned about her new friends living in southern Lebanon.

The first indication of the war was the responding machine gun tracers in the night sky. She recalls that Israeli planes regularly flew over Lebanon, from 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. each day, seemingly every 30 seconds. Bombs fell in the vicinity of the bridge over her mountain and the army office building near her—close enough to shake her windows. Still, she felt no fear. She and her neighbours consoled each other. They prayed for Lebanon, asking God to stop the destruction and to awaken the consciousness of the world. Her heart ached, not for herself, but because of the destruction of the villages in the south, some of which she had visited and where she developed friendships. Considering that one can travel by car from north to south in three hours, the war was never really far away.

By day seven, her sending agency issued evacuation orders that instructed all partners or

Ministry of Foreign Affairs. They took care of all the logistics: providing food, water, shelter and directions to the ships that were intermittently being allowed to berth, so that passengers could embark. According to Brace, the Canadians received much better care and were in far more hospitable conditions than those provided for evacuating citizens of other countries.

Twenty-seven years ago, during her devotions, God gave her a passion for Lebanon. For one year, 1979, as she journaled, when she relaxed, during her quiet times and in her conversations with others, her life converged on one point: she would go to Lebanon.

Although a teacher in Northern Ontario for 32 years, during the last two years, Brace felt restless. Her spiritual mentor told her that that feeling of restlessness was God's affirmation that she should be doing something else. Brace recalled that she felt led to sell her home in Englehart, Ontario (six hours north of Toronto). It sold instantly, much to her surprise because of the depressed housing market at that time. "Everything else went smoothly, as is usually the case when God has a purpose in our lives," Brace testifies.

In 2001, God brought her to Tyndale to

—*Jacqueline Getfield*

Harvesting the Mission Field

Africa is not easy to forget. The beautiful smiles on children's faces are what we remember most. Then we recall that they had dirty and tattered clothing. They may not have had anything to eat that day. They probably live in a small mud brick house with little to no furnishings. Yet they smile, just because we have come to visit them. It is an incredibly humbling experience that we will never forget.

In May 2006, we and six other members of the Tyndale community had the opportunity to visit Tanzania, East Africa. We went as part of a Tyndale mission team in conjunction with Africa Inland Mission (AIM). While there, we partnered with a local church, and its pastor, Cleo Malobo, to minister in a variety of ways in and amongst the people in the town of Bukoba. One such ministry was to visit both church members and non-church members so as to encourage and pray with them.

This was a wonderful opportunity to build relationships. Jesus shone as we followed the command in 1 Thessalonians to "encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing." Pastor Cleo has since reported that, by the power of the Holy Spirit working in us through this ministry, many people have joined the church since we left. Praise God!

Another major ministry was to visit schools for all ages. On these visits, we shared the Gospel through skits, taught English songs and shared our testimonies. Because of the need for discipleship and deeper understanding of the Christian life, our emphasis was on the depth of a relationship with Jesus and the life commitment that is so important. At many schools we were in a small classroom with standing room only. Kids peered through windows! We also had the privilege of being taught some songs in Swahili by the students. This was a lot of fun for us.

Church construction was another of the ministries. Each team member contributed a portion of the funds they had raised to this effort and this was often enough to pay for the entire construction of the church

foundation. Although the church had started construction many years ago, the project had been left abandoned for some time due to a lack of funds. With funds and encouragement, we were able to resurrect the project. The hope to complete the task was restored for the 200-plus church members. This was very exciting.

While on the trip, Chris had the unique opportunity to meet and spend time with AIM missionary pilot, Dale Hamilton, and his wife, Christine. He accompanied Dale on flights around the islands as he performed ministries.

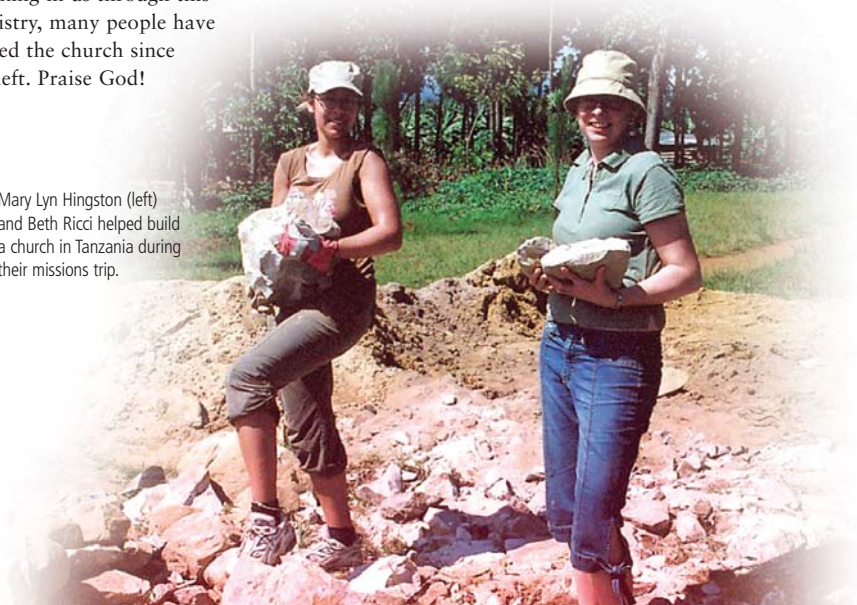
God used this trip to make His call much clearer. We now know that our calling is to become full-time overseas missionaries. Every major decision is made with the consideration of this, our calling. Chris plans to get his licences so that he can be a missionary pilot. In the meantime, we are focusing on how to be missionaries here at home.

Once you go to Africa, you can never fully forget what you saw and experienced. Despite getting back into the daily grind here at Tyndale and the fading memories, the impact remains. You discover that you have left a bit of your heart behind. You are a different person, for sure.

We praise God for the amazing things He has done in our lives through this trip and for the ways He has used us to bless others. We feel privileged to have been a part of a Tyndale mission trip. We pray that many more of the Tyndale community will be able to participate in this incredible opportunity.

—Chris Ricci is the A.V./Tech Support Specialist and Elizabeth Ricci is the Admissions Application Coordinator.

► Mary Lyn Hingston (left) and Beth Ricci helped build a church in Tanzania during their missions trip.



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Gratitude evolves into a Tyndale Scholarship

When 70 Scarboro Gospel Temple (SGT) youth group alumni reunited in 2006, one common thread wove through their reminiscing. Their youth leaders, Jim and Isobel Crawford, had left an indelible mark on their lives.

Over the next six months, an idea germinated: how could they honour, in a unique, tangible and long-lasting way, a couple who had given so much to so many? When they decided a “thank you” just wasn’t enough, they took matters into their own hands and decided to do something with a lasting impact.

In appreciation, the SGT alumni group have established an endowed scholarship at Tyndale University College & Seminary, in honour of Jim and Isobel. The Jim and Isobel Crawford Youth Leadership Scholarship is a celebration of the Crawford legacy. At the same time, it is the catalyst and facilitator, through Tyndale, of SGT alumni who exemplify exceptional leadership.

The scholarship is intended to be a permanent tribute to the Crawfords, and their ministry, and will be a significant student award for a deserving Tyndale student. An open-ended endowed scholarship has been created that will allow on-going contributions to the benefit of Tyndale students. Gifts can either be one-time gifts or annual gifts that can be used to underwrite and encourage student leadership in both secular and/or Christian ministries.

Dale and Joan Patterson, Scarboro Gospel Temple alumni, have been working with the other alumni and Tyndale Foundation to bring this idea to life. “Our long-term objective will be to create a national coast-to-coast network of Crawford/Tyndale award winners whose impact will be undeniable. We envision this scholarship to be highly sought-after and a valuable credential equally recognized in ministerial and

secular circles,” Dale says. “Just as the Crawfords were enablers of a small group of students, so Tyndale will enable others. This will be in a setting where the impact will be upon an even larger group of youth, as the recipients of the scholarship have the potential for national and even global impact.”

Bradley Bartsch, Vice President of Development at Tyndale, is grateful for the vision that this group continues to cast for today’s youth. He said, “The Jim and Isobel Crawford Youth Leadership Scholarship could provide a model for other individuals and groups who are looking for ways to honour those who have made a difference in their lives, while continuing to impact today’s youth through authentic, caring and committed leadership.”

Almost 50 years ago, Jim and Isobel Crawford, young and newly married, were invited to a service at Scarboro Gospel Temple. They felt at home in this new suburban church. Within a short while, Jim joined the board and was given the responsibility of youth ministry. Although both Isobel and Jim had a desire for ministry, initially, they were nervous about this role. Neither was trained in youth ministry. It was only after serving for a year as youth counselors that they came to the realization: “This is it! This is the ministry we are to be in!”

For the next 25 years, from 1959 to 1984, Jim



▲ Jim and Isobel Crawford

and Isobel poured their lives into the youth of Scarboro Gospel Temple. They believed in young people and put that belief into action. Their strategy was to be advocates for their youth and to quietly delegate responsibility to those they led. To achieve this, a youth executive was elected and mobilized each year, while their adult leaders worked carefully behind the scenes. The executive met weekly to plan and brainstorm new

ideas. Their youth group had a rule: no more than one sermon a month from an outside source. This forced these emerging peer-leaders to become self-reliant, using the strengths of those within the group. Jim always sat at the back during a service and made notes in case the young person in charge of the night wanted him to close. It didn’t happen very often.

“We found the kids worked harder for themselves than they would have had we told them to do something,” says Jim. “By taking responsibility for the services and events themselves, they became more determined to help and support each other. It worked.”

Since their days at Scarboro Gospel Temple, the Crawfords have been involved in the construction of 15 churches in Ontario, Florida, Texas and Arizona. Jim served on both his

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Meet the Tyndale Foundation



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Although a new immigrant to Ontario, Brad’s west coast accent is slowly wearing off, making him much easier to understand. He enjoys outdoor pursuits with his family such as snowboarding and travel. This is a good thing since he may have to travel to find snow and mountains this winter.



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The newest member of the Foundation, Carl is also a Tyndale alumnus. In addition to a MBA from Gonzaga University, Carl received his MDiv from Tyndale in 2006. Born in Hong Kong, Carl seems to be following the jet stream, having lived in the state of Washington and now Toronto. Go east, young man!



GERRY KROEZEN
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Gerry, a 4th-year BA English (Honours) student, has been with the Foundation for almost three years. This 6’ 8” Dutch native serves as Secretary Treasurer of the Tyndale University College Student Council, yet still has time to hang out with friends and play his new Nintendo Wii. One of Gerry’s many goals is to learn nine languages. You may want to ask him “why nine?”



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Originally from Hong Kong, Anne, her charming husband Eddie and their miracle child Priscilla make their home in Thornhill, Ontario. Anne is one of the veterans at the Foundation and if you have a question about a past donation or receipt, Anne will surely have the answer.

Tax Matters

THINK LONG TERM AND DEVELOP A PLAN WHEN DONATING TO CHARITY.

I can't help but remember a true story I heard a few years ago. It's about a young boy who was asked if he would donate blood to help his sister. You see, she had a serious disease, and her only chance of recovery seemed to be a transfusion from her five-year old brother who had miraculously survived the same disease and had developed the antibodies to combat the illness.

The young boy hesitated for only a moment before saying: "Yes, I'll do it if it will save her."

The transfusion went well, and as the two siblings lay side by side in the hospital just after the transfusion, the little boy turned pale, and with a trembling voice asked: "Will I start to die right away?"

This brings the meaning of giving to a whole new level. Today, I want to share with you some ideas that can help to make your own giving more meaningful and effective.

GIVE STRATEGICALLY

There's a difference between charitable giving and strategic philanthropy. Charitable giving is short term in nature, is often unplanned, and involves little creativity, research, or follow-up. An example is donating to a charity when a fundraiser comes knocking at your door to raise money. I'm not saying that this is a bad thing. Giving on a whim helps, and I hope you'll continue to do this with some of your charitable dollars.

Strategic philanthropy, however, is something different. It involves developing a plan around



your giving. It answers questions such as: What do you want to accomplish with your giving?

How much are you going to donate in the next three years? What charities will receive your donations? When will they receive those dollars? What is the most effective way to give?

It involves research, creative planning, careful execution, and thorough follow-up. It's a long term approach to giving. Think of your giving as though you're making an investment—in society.

Most importantly, strategic philanthropy needs to be based on your values and vision for the future. What's important to you and your family?

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Donate life insurance. By owning and naming a charity as the beneficiary of a life insurance policy, you'll receive a donation tax credit in your year of death for insurance proceeds paid out to the charity, which could be a significant help to reducing your tax bill in that year.

Donate in your will. Leaving assets to charity when you die makes sense. Be sure to name the specific charity, and an amount or formula for calculating the amount to be donated, to maximize your tax relief.

Donate online. Consider making a donation online to any Canadian registered charity at www.canadahelps.org. This year, I am giving charitable gift cards to my friends through this site. I buy the gift card online, receive the donation receipt by e-mail, the gift card is e-mailed to my friends, and each recipient then goes online and donates the amount to any charity he or she wants. It's the gift of giving.

—Tim Cestnick, FCA, CPA, CFP, TEP is managing director of *WaterStreet Family Wealth Counsel*, and author of *the Tax Freedom Zone and 101 Tax Secrets for Canadians, among other titles*. Email: tcestnick@waterstreet.ca

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DALE LUBBERTS

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Dale enjoys the country life with her family, which soon will include a second grandchild. She loves being an 'Oma' but insists that she is far younger than most grandmothers. To stay young, Dale enjoys sailing, ballroom dancing and walking on the beach when she gets the opportunity. Not sure who to contact at the Foundation? Give her a call.



ANN RICHARDS

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Ann provides research and proposal expertise to the Foundation. Originally from Kitchener, Ontario, Ann and her son, Rashad, recently moved to Toronto so that Rashad could pursue his budding acting career and they could be closer to her daughter, Talithia. Ann is happy now that her children are near her and she doesn't have to drive Rashad to auditions. This gives her more time to be a consummate stage mother.



MARIA SCHINDEL

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Originally from Stockholm, Sweden, Maria brings a sense of European style to every Tyndale Foundation event. Although she, her husband and three children moved to Toronto from Vancouver, BC, she still has retained her accent and cheers for everything Swedish.



LORELEI WILKINSON

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Prior to joining the Foundation, Lorelei managed corporate sponsorships. Recently, she completed Tyndale Seminary's Spiritual Formation course with the Rev. Dr. David Sherbino and particularly enjoyed the silent retreat. Lorelei, her husband and their two energetic boys live in Scarborough, Ontario. Her next goal is to attempt the skateboard half-pipe her husband has constructed in their backyard. Good luck with that!

Ministry Training in a University Context

Beginning Fall 2007, students working towards the BA Religious Studies degree at Tyndale University College may focus on either Youth Ministry, Pastoral Ministry or Intercultural Studies. These three foci, previously only available in the Bachelor of Religious Education program, will now be offered to Bachelor of Arts students.

The launch of these foci is in response to a growing desire amongst Religious Studies students to take Christian Ministries courses

along with their BA requirements in preparation for ministry.

The BA Religious Studies allows students to gain a broadly-based liberal arts education. Now they will be able to take five courses in either Youth Ministry, Pastoral Ministry or Intercultural Studies. In each focus area an internship will be required. The internships will provide opportunities for skill development and real life experience in ministry settings. The

Intercultural Studies focus requires a semester in countries such as Bolivia, the People's Republic of China and the Czech Republic.

"This is consistent with our mission to educate and equip," said Dr. Daniel Scott, University College Academic Dean. "In creating this program option, Tyndale University College continues to provide ministry training in a university context so that Christians might serve the world with passion for Jesus Christ."



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R. J. Bernardo Chair Installed

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▲ Dr. Paul Magnus (second from left) is joined by (l-r) Dave Collins, Dr. Earl Davey, Jane Magnus, Robert Bernardo, Dr. Janet Clark and Dr. Brian C. Stiller after being installed to the Chair of Leadership.

"God is the great Leader who modeled co-missional leadership in His person, processes and outcomes. "Great leadership can emerge when we approach it as a partnership with God."

aimed at developing Christian leaders, especially in the Canadian context. The Chair is named for Robert J. Bernardo and family. Bernardo's leadership at one of Canada's foremost investment management companies has been marked by integrity and a consistent Christian witness.

At the beginning of the ceremony, Moira Brown, co-host on *100 Huntley St.*, spoke of her admiration for Dr. Magnus and his wife, Jane. Brown had studied and taught at Briercrest for three years, and she remembers students saying, "Dr. Magnus does the work of 10 men!" Brown read from II Timothy 2:1-10; 22-26, a passage Dr. Magnus had specifically requested because of its leadership instructions from the apostle Paul to Timothy.

In his installation address, "Co-Missional Leadership: Early Reflections on a Pathway toward Extraordinary Leadership," Dr. Magnus spoke on the importance of following Paul's model of leadership, which he developed by copying the example of Christ.

"God is the great Leader who modeled co-missional leadership in His person, processes and outcomes," Dr. Magnus explained. "A careful study of God's work is that He was not a driven missional leader who pressed through to His goal alone. He not only consulted with the other members of the Trinity for His most intricate work, but they were fully engaged with Him.

"There has never been a more critical time in history for the development of leadership," stated Dr. Magnus. "Our world is changing so rapidly—if we don't grow and develop, it will outstrip our current capacities."

With this in mind, Dr. Magnus outlined some of the areas where he feels the Chair can have an impact. These include providing leadership advice to the various organizations and churches

that contact them; ensuring leadership development remains a part of each Seminary student's education and research; as well as developing seminars and possible programs. Program development may include creating a DMin program with some of the early tracks and cohort groups being leadership tracks.

"This journey to create great leaders will take time," Dr. Magnus explained. However, he knows that we have an amazing God who will see this process through. "Great leadership can emerge when we approach it as a partnership with God. This recognition will give a deep desire and demonstration of obedience, humility, dependency, abundance (grace) and servanthood," he continued. "It is co-missional in that it persists and remains resilient with great faith, hope and love. Personal transformation is a life long journey. With our great God all things are possible, even when we feel they seem improbable. He who has begun a good work in you will complete it."

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increasingly new scientific proof of the Creator.

While Ross appreciates the zeal of young earth creationists, he believes there is overwhelming evidence that the universe is old. Ross is not a theistic evolutionist, but believes in the historicity of Adam and Eve. He admires the Intelligent Design movement, yet believes that I.D. proponents should talk more explicitly about the identity of the designer.

"From a Christian perspective, the Bible and the facts of nature must agree," Ross said. "However, we are looking at nature and theology from a human perspective. No human being knows everything about

nature,... or about God. Whether we disagree doesn't matter – we will all reside in the new creation one day."

Ross offered stunning data about the complexity of the universe. He noted the number of fine-tuned characteristics for the origin of life on Earth has gone from 41 to 322 in the space of ten years (1995-2004). In his work, *The Creator and the Cosmos*, he provides a list of 35 illustrations of the fine-tuning of the universe. For example: the distance, frequency and timings of supernova eruptions are exact enough for creation of life on planet Earth.

Ross has discovered through his scientific research the accuracy of the famous statement: "The heavens declare the glory of

Urbana 06: A Vision...

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address by Oscar Muriu, from Africa, who challenged the Western Church to authentic partnership. Rick Warren, author of the *Purpose-Driven Life*, provided some practical ways to live out our calling.

A taped presentation by rock star Bono urged delegates to consider what we can do about HIV/AIDS. This inspiring piece was a part of the New Year's Eve celebration; we shared communion together and welcomed 2007.

Tyndale's display booth, located in the Global Connexions area, served as our communication point. Among the visitors, it was great to meet Tyndale alumni. Visit www.tyndale.ca/~dwong to see photos of our time at Urbana 06 and www.urbana.org to access recordings of the speakers and share in the worship.



▲ Tyndale students gathered with thousands of young people at Urbana. From left is Laura Price, and Tyndale students Hannah Price, Abby Scott, Jesse James and Joan Myrie.

NEXT STEPS

A number of us are considering God's calling toward long-term or short-term missions involvement. Others are seeing what they can do locally to have a global impact. Pray that we bring this vision for the world to Tyndale, our families, churches, cities and country so that we, each in our own way, will also impact the world.

—Dr. Daniel Wong is Assistant Professor of Christian Ministries at Tyndale University College.

God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands" (Psalms 19:1).

Author's note: I was able to attend both lectures and had the privilege of spending a number of hours with him in conversation. Do I understand what he is talking about? No. Do I get the general drift? Yes. This was a tremendous opportunity for me since he is one of the leading Christian scholars defending the truth by providing solid evidence that God made the heavens and the earth.

A CD containing Dr. Ross' lectures at Tyndale can be ordered for a small fee from the Tyndale Bookstore. Phone: 416.226.6620 ext. 2188

—Dr. James Beverly is Professor of Christian Thought and Ethics at Tyndale Seminary.

Tyndale Staff and Faculty Celebrate Christmas 2006

It was a cold, rainy night on November 30, 2006. But the weather could not dampen the Christmas spirit at the Employee Christmas Banquet & Service Award Night.



▲ A choir of administration, faculty and staff sang carols at the employee Christmas banquet.

With laughter, singing and fellowship, the evening was a wonderful start to the Christmas season. Held at the Premiere Ballroom & Convention Centre, old friendships were rekindled and new friendships were made as people mingled over music and delicious hors d'oeuvres. The night began with a warm welcome from President Stiller. The air was charged with the joyous spirit of Christmas and with anticipation of prizes and surprises. Marlene O'Neill serenaded approximately 165 people during dinner with her compelling voice.

Director of Human Resources, Deepa Varki, and President Stiller took the opportunity on this joyous occasion to convey their appreciation for the hard work of all Tyndale employees. Service awards were presented to those who had reached significant milestones of five, 10 and 15 years of service. During and after the presentation, award recipients and their supervisors

delivered touching and emotional responses.

Excitement followed with games and prizes. Gales of laughter swept over the audience during the video clip of the dazzling musical performance from the Family Campaign. This clip featured our Director of Communication Jacqueline Getfield, who was backed by singers including Hospitality Coordinator Katrina MacDonald, Campaign Researcher Ann Richard and VP Development Brad Bartsch. The night continued with angelic voices from a choir (comprised of Tyndale employees) conducted by Provost Earl Davey. This led into a beautiful time of Christmas carols with the staff and faculty.

President Stiller closed the night with a passionate message and prayer for the community. Uniting to celebrate our dear Saviour's birth, staff, faculty, administration and board members joined in one voice to worship and sing "Joy to the World," bringing a stirring conclusion to a memorable night.

—Cynthia Yoon is HR Coordinator at Tyndale University College & Seminary.



▲ Seminary Admissions Counsellor Steve Boctor presents Foundation's Dale Lubberts with a door prize.



▲ Winners of the Baby Naming Game.

Congratulations Tyndale Service Award Recipients

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Rebecca Idestrom – Old Testament, Seminary
Philip Kay – Information Technology Services
Yau Man Siew – Educational Ministries, Seminary
Peggy Yim – Information Technology Services

10 Years

Sheila Stevens – Counselling Services

15 Years

Sharolyn McLeod – Student Life



▲ Sharolyn McLeod (centre) is congratulated by President Stiller and Deepa Varki on her 15 years of service to Tyndale.



▲ President Stiller and Deepa Varki present Director of Counselling Services, Sheila Stevens, with an award recognizing her 10 years of service to Tyndale.

Christmas in Paris

...A time to remember

On Friday, December 8, the Tyndale University College Student Association celebrated Christmas by staging a banquet with a European flair. For four hours students were able to leave the stress and anxieties of classes, papers and exams and join together for an evening of delicious food, fun and fellowship. The evening provided an opportunity for Christmas memories from the past to be shared.

This year, the theme was "Christmas in Paris." Surely, no Parisian event would be complete without a walk around the Eiffel



▲ Alicia Wilson, Sarah Thompson and Andrew Thompson

Tower, delicious French pastries and a quest to find the missing "George-A-Lisa," a special painting of UC Student Life Dean George Sweetman with the requisite French touch.

Although the events of the evening and the atmosphere of a radically transformed Tyndale gymnasium were highlights for the night, the true blessing for the student association was seeing the smiles and hearing the laughter of their

fellow students. One lucky student even won two tickets to see the Phantom of the Opera upon its return to Toronto!

Students all had the opportunity to come together and celebrate the blessing of the Tyndale community in their lives, while being reminded of the Father's great love and faithfulness—the true gift of Christmas!

—Ashley Saunders is President of the University College Student Association.



▲ Nikita Kowlessar, Quentrel Provo and Laura Carr at the University College students Christmas banquet.



▲ Dave Kentie, Andrew Snider and Stephen Wray relax after enjoying their Christmas dinner.



▶ Tabitha Ackert and Brittany Davy prepare to enter the beautifully decorated Paris setting.

A Christmas Coffeehouse:

Hot Chocolate and Warm Memories

People often ask how commuting Seminary students develop a sense of community. Those who attended our Seminary Student Council-sponsored Christmas event in mid-December could answer that question!

On a crisp winter evening, nearly 100 Seminary students, faculty and guests, including alumni, celebrated the advent season at Balzac's Coffeehouse in the historic Distillery District of downtown Toronto. A change of venue from past Christmas gatherings, this was a "grad school event" that won't soon be forgotten. In the elegant setting of this beautifully weathered coffee



▲ (l-r) Seminary students Hannah Chang, Josh Philip and Jessica Sharpe celebrate with University College student Sarah Young (2nd left)

▶ Seminary students Jeffrey Abraham and Morgan Schmidt

house, old friends reconnected while new friendships were formed over lattes and espressos after a long and busy fall semester.

We entered Balzac's to the sound of soothing live music that served as a soul-warming backdrop to the evening. Garlands of white lights and candlelight lined the windows and alcoves. The sharing of Christmas memories by students and faculty was an encouraging reminder of the joy and hope of the season. The reading of the

Nativity story renewed our spirits.

We enjoyed an "open bar" overflowing with what seemed to be an endless supply of cappuccinos, café au lait, hot chocolate, Thai mango noodles, a chocolate fountain, giant gingerbread cookies and petit fours. Our conversation and laughter could be heard echoing off the cobblestone street while antique iron streetlights flickered outside.

The Seminary Student Council created what will be remembered by many as the "soiree of the season." The Christmas



Coffeehouse was a meaningful evening of fellowship. As a way to remember the celebration, everyone received a personalized Christmas ornament with a breath prayer attached. Each ornament bore a blessing of the season: hope, joy, love and peace, reminding us of the Christ of Christmas.

—Kaarina Hsieh is Dean of Students at Tyndale Seminary.



▲ Andrele Jean-Charles, Kaarina Hsieh and Inrani Liladrie enjoy the delicious coffee and desserts at Balzac's Coffeehouse.

The Great Books Tradition lives on

There are some who say that Christians do not need the great books because they have the Good Book; that the term 'Christian liberal arts' is an oxymoron: Christianity and liberalism are like fire and water. But not all things are as they appear.

At Tyndale, Pentecostals and Baptists study together, along with Christians from other denominations. Similarly, the word 'liberal' does not mean anything theological or political. It refers to a rich educational philosophy in the Western tradition, the sort that fostered Christians from John Calvin to Jonathan Edwards to Egerton Ryerson. Unlike so many contemporary models of education which seem to have a very narrow focus, its aim is to develop the whole person and equip him or her to live a rich and rewarding life in an ever-changing world.

The liberal arts tradition has its roots in ancient Greece and its pursuit of wisdom and virtue. In the Middle Ages, this rich educational heritage was divided into seven liberal arts

according to the two principal connotations of the Greek word *logos*, word and reason. These liberal arts were linguistic subjects of grammar, rhetoric and logic and the rational subjects of geometry, arithmetic, music and astronomy.

Although the world has changed greatly since the Middle Ages, the need for a broad education has not. If anything, it has intensified. Today people are often called to change occupations several times in their lives. Since the world was created by the divine *Logos*, we know that using words effectively and reasoning cogently will never become obsolete. That is the rationale for studying the liberal arts in general.

The essence of the liberal arts lies in the Great Books tradition. One reason is that the great books of literature, philosophy and history escape the chronological elitism of our age, the mentality that suggests that whatever happened in the past must somehow thereby be discredited and anachronistic. A better reason is that our predecessors embraced both word and reason. Even the heretics believed they were right. Our contemporaries

lightly dismiss good words as 'mere rhetoric' and good reason as an exercise in hostility, a sort of power-play.

As C.S. Lewis said in his introduction to *Athanasius On the Incarnation*, "Every age has its own outlook. It is specially good at seeing certain truths and specially liable to make certain mistakes. We all, therefore, need the books that will correct the characteristic mistakes of our own period. And that means the old books... Not, of course, that there is any magic about the past. People were no cleverer then than they are now; they made as many mistakes as we. But not the same mistakes..."

At Tyndale, we teach the Great Books because we cannot dispense with the doctrine of the Trinity clarified by the church fathers to understand God. We cannot dispense with their concept of the human person in contemporary ethical debate or the notion of politics bequeathed by the Greeks in an age of cynical pragmatism. We cannot dispense with an aesthetics that harmonizes beauty, truth and goodness in an ugly and broken world. But, above all, as Christians we can only avoid being conformed to the world in which we live if we are transformed by the renewal of our mind. Christians are called to share the mind of Christ.

Since Christians throughout the ages have shared the mind of Christ in these Great Books, it means we at Tyndale must continue to study these books as we engage and develop the Christian mind.

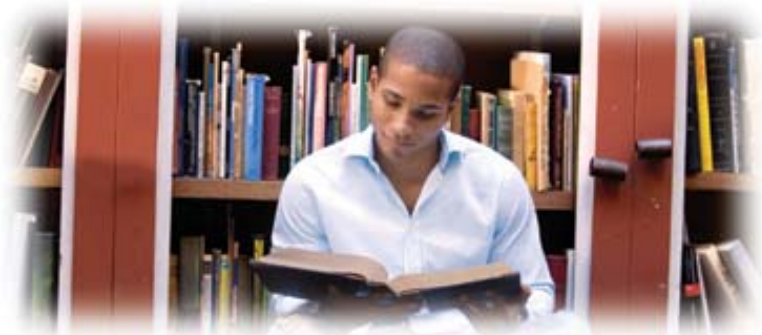
—Dr. Scott Masson is Assistant Professor of English Literature at Tyndale University College

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church board of deacons and elders, as well as various committees. Isobel volunteered in women's ministries and served as church hostess.

A huge component of their ministry was the advocacy of youth within their church environment, including board and funding advocacy. By empowering the youth of SGT, their ministry continues to have impact today. Dale Patterson explains, "A measure of their influence is the vast numbers of former youth now engaged in full-time ministry, and as full-time and short-term missionaries, lay-leaders in churches, leaders of para-churches and NGO's. Many are Scarborough Gospel Temple alumni members and a number are children of these alumni. The ripple effect continues today in homes, churches and communities."



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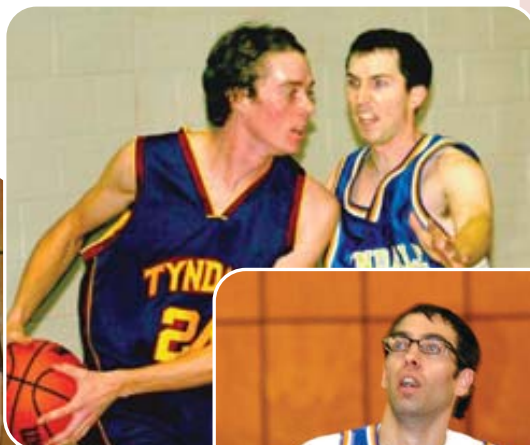
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Tyndale Varsity Alumni Day

Hugs, friendly taunts, cheering and laughter filled the gym as alumni members of past varsity teams gathered on Varsity Alumni Day this past fall to challenge Tyndale's current volleyball and basketball teams. In spite of the alumni coming out of "retirement" from as far back as 2000, the three games were close and exciting. In the end, youth prevailed in all three games – but not without a fight from the alumni. There's always next year though so the challenge goes out now to all varsity

alumni...get fit and get ready. The Tyndale teams will be here to take you on!

If you are an alumni member of a varsity team and want to make sure you're invited to next year's Varsity Alumni Day, please email Sharolyn McLeod at smcleod@tyndale.ca or Jessica Sharpe at sports@tyndale.ca with detailed contact information.



Upcoming LBI/LCBM Alumni Reunion

LBI/LBCM Reunion to be held in London, ON – May 25 & 26, 2007.

It will feature:

- > a tour of the old London school building
- > a keyboard concert by Lorne and Jimmie Ruth Mathews
- > more time for individual alumni fellowship
- > a visit from Senator Clem Hagglesworth (city cousin of Country Clem)

Venue is Glen Cairn Baptist Church and registration forms can be acquired from Dianne Estabrooks: dianesta@rogers.com or 1105-284 Wonderland Rd. S. London, ON N6K 4Z4.



Calling all Alumni Missionaries!

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The 22nd Annual RA Alumni Floor Hockey Challenge

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For more information or to RSVP contact Sharolyn McLeod at smcleod@tyndale.ca or Janet Phillips at janetphillips4@hotmail.com

All alumni are invited to come and cheer on friends and then join us for pizza after the games. Last year we all had a wonderful time!

Please remember we need lots of RA alumni players, both male and female!



Alumni

Alumni Updates

Shelley Burry (nee Hart), BRS 1998 and husband Tom went to Africa on November 11, 2006 for their second term with AIM. They are ministering to an unreached group through literacy training with their sons Willem (4) and Andrew (1). They would love to receive news from you!

Les Clemens, BRE 1984 and his wife Laurie had some dramatic changes in their lives in 2006. In June, Laurie gave birth to Titus MacLeod, child number four— 15 years after child number three. They also took on a move to pastor Reformed Baptist Church in Lewisburg, PA after eight and half years at Fairview Baptist Church in Lindsay, Ontario. Les began his ministry at Lewisburg on July 1, 2006.



John Dillon and wife Lois, BRE 1981 together with their four children, returned to Malaysia for their fourth term with Wycliffe Bible Translators. John will be taking on two new roles, one as the Linguistic and Translation Software Consultant and the other as Assistant Language Programs Coordinator. Lois will assist John and home school their children.



Barry Doner and wife Heather (nee Young), BRE 1994 are pleased to announce the birth of their third child, Kendra Ann Doner. Born on September 5, 2006 in Orillia, Ontario, she is a new little sister to Alex (2) and Rachel (7).

James (Jim) Gillett, MDiv 1999 known as one of the grumps and the resident heretic on the senior floor in '98 has accepted a part-time pastoral position with Emmanuel Baptist Church (Trowbridge) in Wiltshire,

UK, commencing in January 2007. The opportunity is with an older congregation in transition, which will challenge his interim/transition ministry experience.



Jim Hardwick, MDiv 1988 is a Major and the European Canadian Chaplain in Geilenkirchen, Germany. He sends Tyndale the following greeting: "It is great that Tyndale had Larry Crabb speak at the 'Revive Your Soul' conference. I recently read one of his books that reversed his entire approach to counselling. He now recognizes that the only effective way to have a lasting impact on another individual's life is from having meaningful relationships and not from a clinical practice.

"It reminds me of our work in chaplaincy, where we give of ourselves to those around us, some needing more from us than others.

"I wish to thank the Tyndale Alumni for your encouragement to the chaplain team in Task Force Afghanistan."

Daniel Chang-Young Kim, MTS 1992 successfully defended his doctorate dissertation and obtained a PhD degree in Intercultural Studies from Reformed Theological Seminary, Jackson, MS on June 13, 2006. Daniel is currently living in Seoul, Korea and teaching at Chongshin University School of World Mission. He has been serving as President of Word of Life Press, the largest Christian publishing company in Korea since 2004.

Michael Lessard-Clouston (nee Clouston), MTS 1989 served as a professor at Kwansei Gakuin



University in Japan until August 2005 as a missionary of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Since then he has been teaching Applied Linguistics and TESOL in the School of Intercultural Studies at Biola University in La Mirada, CA. If you would like to drop Michael an email, you may email him at michael.lessard-clouston@biola.edu.

As an aside, Michael has advised that another Tyndale alumni who graduated in 1989 also teaches at Biola. Dr. Kent Edwards moved to California from Gordon Conwell Seminary in August 2004. Although they did not know one another at Ontario Theological Seminary, they have since become friends in southern California.

Sharon McGrath (nee Dickinson), BRE 1976 married Eric on December 30, 2006 in Kitchener, Ontario at Northside Community Church. Her brother Gilbert Dickinson, also a Tyndale alumnus, officiated along with her pastor Vern Trafford. After 26 years of service, she left Wycliffe Bible Translators to join Eric and a ministry with the Slavic Gospel Association.

She first went to Papua New Guinea in 1980, where she served as an executive assistant to one of the directors. Due to work permit constraints, Sharon was reassigned in 1988 to the Philippines where she assisted the Associate Director for Academic Affairs until 1993. Sharon then assumed the role of managing the Nasuli technical library at the Southern Centre. When the head librarian left in 1995, Sharon took over the management of the three Philippine Branch libraries from their headquarters in Manila.

Kevin Metcalf, MDiv 1982 and his wife Loriann have spent the last three years in Sydney Australia, where Kevin was the Vice-Principal of the Salvation Army College of Further Education. On their return to Canada, in early 2007, Kevin will take up a position as Head of the Music Department at Territorial Headquarters of the Salvation Army in Canada and Bermuda.

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We love to publish your stories in the Alumni Updates section. All alumni will now be identified by their names, degree and year of graduation. If you left Tyndale prior to graduation, let us know the exact period you were with us.

Kelvin Mutter, MDiv 1992 was awarded a DTh in Practical Theology from the University of South Africa for his dissertation "Focusing on Emotions in Pastoral Marital Counselling: An Evangelical Assessment." Kelvin works as a therapist and supervises graduate students in a community counselling agency and as Director of Chaplaincy Studies and Pastoral Counselling at Heritage Seminary. Kelvin has also taught courses for Providence Seminary and McMaster Divinity School. In July 2005, he went to Bolivia as part of a construction team sent to help a church in the Cochabamba valley. They were amazed by the Bolivian brethren who managed to accomplish so much on faith. It was humbling to meet pastors who devoted extra time to develop lay church-planters and fellowship with remote churches that continue to minister without a pastor—some for over six years.

Jessica Pease-Clements, CE-TR 2002 married Brent Campbell in London, Ontario on June 10, 2006. She is presently working at Christian Horizons and is finishing her college degree. Please continue to pray for them as Brent continues to pastor at Ridgeview Community Church and as Jessica prepares to graduate and embrace new opportunities.

Bill Thornton, MDiv 1985 accepted a call to Flamborough Baptist Church in Waterdown, Ontario as senior pastor, effective February 1, 2007. He had been serving as Associate Pastor at Springvale Baptist Church in Stouffville, Ontario for the past 11 years. Also, he received a DMin degree from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in May 2006. He and his wife Heather celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary and are grateful for their four daughters.



Marjorie Woodside (nee Brundritt) BRE 1968 was called to Africa while at Tyndale, but circumstances and choices got in the way until this summer when she went on a Mother/Daughter missions trip to Uganda to minister to the mothers of Watoto Childcare Ministries. Praise the Lord. He is faithful! She plans to go back to Africa for a longer stay.

In Memoriam

Jack Adams, who attended Tyndale from 1954 to 1957, has passed away. Fellow alumnus Ross Manthroe sends this remembrance: "I met Jack in the early 1950s when I worked at de Havilland Aircraft in Downsview, Ontario. He was a motorcycle gang member—with a Harley, leather and, as he put it, 'a blonde on the back and a bottle in the pocket.' I had just been converted at the People's Church and when I witnessed to him, he immediately accepted the Lord.

"The next Sunday he arrived at the church with his usual regalia, but with JESUS SAVES printed on his windshield. Though he couldn't read or write, he managed to produce a tract about his life change. Thousands were printed and distributed.

"He joined me as a student at LBI and although he attended classes, in the three years he was at London, he never passed an exam! Nevertheless, the faithful evangelist was deeply impacted by every class and felt so blessed to be a part of the institute. It was during those years that he received a calling to minister in the Bahamas.

"Jack's wife passed away a few years ago, but he continued to minister until he was nearly 75 years old. Then, he came home to Nova Scotia, where he continued to minister and eventually got married again.

"LBI had a great impact on Jack's life and he always remembered his time there with fondness. He was blessed in his years in many ways, as my wife and I were by having known him."

John Bloedow, attended Tyndale in 1957. He passed away on November 25, 2006 at the age of 81. At the time of his death, he was still faithfully pastoring Belmont Baptist Church, near Summerside, PEI. He is survived by his wife, Mona (nee Thomson) who graduated in 1950. Tyndale alumnus Rev. Tom Townsend, who graduated in 1972, conducted the Memorial Service and 1969 grad Rev. Dr. John Weiler officiated as well.

Gordon Stephens of Woodstock went to be with the Lord on July 30, 2006 in his 77th year. Rev. Dr. Stephens pastored four Fellowship of Evangelical Baptist Churches during his 50-year ministry, including Oxford Baptist of Woodstock. He served at Tyndale and taught part-time for many years at Central Baptist Seminary in Toronto. He was a member of the board of Evangelical Fellowship of Canada (EFC) in its early days. He also sat on the board of the Toronto Spiritual Life Convention. Rev. Dr. Stephens was a corporation member of Yonge St. Mission, Toronto. He served as Vice-President and President of the Fellowship of Evangelical Baptist Churches in Canada as well as a member of many of its committees and commissions. He enjoyed several interim pastorates in later years. He was the beloved husband and best friend of Lois Stephens (nee Taylor) and beloved father of Greg and Gary.

Garry Wilfred Eason, who graduated from Tyndale in 1967, died peacefully on June 23, 2006 at the age of 63, following a long and courageous battle with cancer. Garry was the beloved husband and best friend of wife Sandra; devoted father to Kimberly and Bradley; loving father-in-law to Daniel Stever and Jodi Martel; and doting papa to grandsons Harrison and Jordan Stever, and Joshua Eason. Garry's legacy will be his eternal optimism, which he lovingly shared with us even in his last days. He had a sincere gift that allowed him to encourage and support others throughout his life.

Staying In-Touch



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

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

Introducing the Bachelor of Education program

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TYNDALE'S PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION

As a Christian institution, Tyndale is deeply committed to the mandate of God that we love our neighbour as God loves us. With this in mind, our BEd program will enable Tyndale graduates to address the needs of all students, including those most vulnerable and disadvantaged. We want graduates of Tyndale to be thoroughly prepared to work effectively with marginalized populations, students at risk and those with special learning needs. Graduates of Tyndale's BEd program will understand the need to cultivate a nurturing learning environment that values and respects the whole human person and that enables children to mature intellectually, emotionally and spiritually.

WHAT'S UNIQUE ABOUT THE TYNDALE PROGRAM?

1. The program has been developed to deliver learning experiences that will challenge teacher candidates and encourage the formation of a Christian worldview that interfaces with the complex reality of the public schools that teachers encounter. Tyndale's graduates will demonstrate a high level of commitment to students as learners and to issues of social justice that impact the learner's capacity to grow and thrive.
2. The Tyndale Bachelor of Education program (Primary/Junior and Junior/Intermediate) is constituted as a 12-month program providing teacher candidates with over 100 days in the schools and classrooms. This model provides substantial opportunity for practice teaching; for modeling and mentoring by the classroom teacher; and for authentic engagement with school staff and participation in school-wide activities.

▶ Rev. Dr. Sam Chan (Senior Pastor, Richmond Hill Chinese Community Church), Dr. Brian C. Stiller (President, Tyndale University College & Seminary), David Zimmer (MPP - Willowdale), Rev. Don Meredith (GTA Faith Alliance) and the Hon. Jake Epp (Chancellor, Tyndale University College & Seminary) celebrate at the announcement that Tyndale has received provincial government approval to pursue the Bachelor of Education program.



3. The utilization of case studies in the Concept Studies Strand allows for theoretical learning to occur in an applied context that is relevant to the teaching-learning environment in which the teacher candidate is located on a weekly basis. This design allows teacher candidates to bring real learning issues encountered in their practica and weekly field observation sessions into their discussions with each other and with faculty.
4. This program includes five scheduled colloquia conferences. These colloquia will encourage a high level of integration in the learning process, provide an enhanced measure of support to teacher candidates as they reflect on their experience in the schools, and create opportunity for teacher candidates to build networks of support within the teaching community and within the community of their peers.

Colloquia will be developed and conducted in partnership with the schools and with the professional community. This approach will provide for substantial input from the profession and its practitioners, as well as from students in the schools. We believe this model will contribute to a healthy integration of the academy and the professional community, which, in turn, will encourage a critical interchange on the part of all concerned.

5. The 12-month program provides opportunity for students to explore a broad range of subject matter in the Concept, Content and Context Strands that will enhance their capacity to function effectively in the classroom.

In summary, graduates of the Tyndale program will receive the same accreditation by the Ontario College of Teachers as graduates of any other program in the Province. Moreover, given its structure over a 12-month period, Tyndale's graduates will receive a more extensive preparation than that provided at public universities. Without question, Tyndale's graduates will be highly sought after by public school boards and by private schools seeking fully qualified teachers.

Finally, this program will provide a superb preparation for men and women who desire to serve God by loving and serving others. By meeting the needs of children and by loving them as the Father has loved us, so shall we serve and honour the Creator.

It is anticipated that the Bachelor of Education program will commence in January 2008 pending accreditation by the Ontario College of Teachers, and final approval from the Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities.

For further information on the pending Bachelor of Education program, contact Dr. Daniel Scott, Academic Dean of the University College at 416.226.6380 ext. 6740 or by email at dscott@tyndale.ca.

Rejoicing in God's Favour

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in your life is evident when you are sure that left up to your own knowledge and will, you wouldn't have known where to begin, or how to follow through... or even worse you would have been too scared to go after that goal!

They say life is a journey along which we must proceed whether the path is bumpy or smooth. It is along this same path that we must work out our own salvation. I'd like to think that everywhere along the path, we enjoy God's companionship. Since everyone goes through good and bad times and He's always present, that in itself is God's favour. Even though our human minds may deduce that we

have lost His favour, the more important thing is to proceed by faith to the final destination. While we can never be sure of the exact route, we are assured of the final destination. Each day brings us another opportunity to continue with what seems to work or to try another tactic as we navigate the route.

At Tyndale we are *en route*. The journey has at times been bumpy but we bask in God's favour. By faith, we venture into the labyrinth of unknown territories traversed daily by those inhabiting political networks and professional associations. We know we will come out victorious.

All of us—faculty, staff and administration—celebrate each small victory and pray about every setback and then we keep

at it, working towards the stated goal, confident that we have God's favour.

In this issue of *Connection*, we share information on new courses and programs in *In the Pipeline*, we celebrate our success in the first phase of our application to offer the Bachelor of Education program and we invite your ideas on how we should go about keeping our alumni even more involved with their alma mater.

By the time this issue reaches your hand we will be well into Winter 2007. However, since we have not had a chance to greet you before this, on behalf of the *Connection* team, may the blessings and the will of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ be continually yours in 2007.

—*Jacqueline Getfield*

Attention: Tour of Bible Lands Offered



ROOTS OF EARLY CHRISTIANITY: TURKEY

A study tour of Turkey for course credit: May 6-20, 2007.

Explore and study many places in ancient Asia Minor (like Tarsus, Ephesus, Pergamum, Laodicea, Colossae, Cappadocia, etc.) where Paul, John and Peter ministered. A syllabus of pre-tour reading, research assignments and general course requirements will be forthcoming in early Winter/07. Tuition will be waived, but a posting fee of \$300 will be expected from all people desiring course credit. This tour is available to any interested person and may be taken without completing any of the course requirements.

Tour leader: Dr. Erwin Penner **Cost:** \$3295. **For more information,** contact Dr Penner at ext. 6733 or epenner@tyndale.ca

AN INVITATION

The Centre for Mentorship and Theological Reflection

will host its annual event on **June 7, 2007, 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.** at the Van Norman Worship and Study Centre Tyndale University College & Seminary

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FEATURING:



Dr. J. I. Packer
Lecturer



Dr. Dennis Ngien
Preacher

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>> For further information, please contact Dr. Dennis Ngien at dngien_center@yahoo.com or Ivy Milanowski at ivyjowei@hotmail.com.

Congratulations...

to members of our faculty and staff who have experienced the joy of new life. We pray for God's love and protection to cover your families.

Hannah Maxson, Administrative Assistant, Academic Programs, on her new baby boy.

Carolyn Kim, Financial Aid Advisor, on her new baby girl.

Michelle Suh, Manager of Hospitality, on her new baby girl.

Farewell...

to members of staff who have moved on to a new phase of their lives and ministries. Thank you for your contribution to Tyndale. May God bless you as you continue to serve Him.

Kathy Penner, Admissions Officer

Heidi Cheung, Student Financial Services Supervisor

Hilkka Aavasalmi, Director of Campus Operations

TYNDALE COUNSELLING SERVICES PRESENTS

A healthy and meaningful relationship requires an investment of time, energy and occasionally the input of others. Tyndale Counselling Services presents this marriage seminar:

Marriage Preparation

Friday, April 27 (7 p.m.–10 p.m.) & Saturday, April 28, 2007 (10 a.m.–5 p.m.). Sheila Stevens and Herman Chow will lead this seminar for couples preparing for marriage. Topics will include communication, conflict resolution, finances, sexuality, children, spirituality and more. Pre-registration is required. Early bird registration by April 7, 2007: \$150/couple. Regular: \$170/couple.

For more information and to register, contact the Coordinator of Tyndale Counselling Services at 416.226.6620 (ext. 2123) or by email: ckennedy@tyndale.ca or download the registration form at: www.tyndale.ca/counselling.



Tyndale Talons Continue to Soar

Tyndale's sports teams have a new name. This year, all teams are adopting the new name of Tyndale Talons. This will give Tyndale's teams an identity for this year and the future.

The Tyndale Talons has some new players, but the tradition of excellence is expected to continue!

This tradition lives on. Last year, both the Tyndale's men's and women's volleyball teams and men's basketball team walked away champions—again. All the teams showed class and determination while competing, consistently demonstrating a love for Christ and each other during the events while showcasing some fine athletic talent.

The basketball team completed a trip to



▲ Tyndale Talon Natalie Lam preparing for a set.



▲ Celebrating victory

Washington, D.C. in January 2007, where the team emerged victorious from the four-team Washington Bible College Invitational Tournament. They defeated Roanoke Bible College 64-54 in the championship game. Andrew Jones won tournament MVP honours and Quentrel Provo was named a tournament all-star.

Due to other commitments, the reigning championship MVP, Dan Brandsma, is no longer on the team but he hopes that the team maintains its championship status this coming season. To him, though, the benefits of being on the team reach far beyond the brief thrill of competition and victory. "It's a real good community builder. You become a family," says

the third-year MDiv student. "When I joined, I was looking to engage in the Tyndale community, get some exercise and play some good ball. It's nice to have this physical outlet to complement studies."

Brandsma was one of the few Seminary students on the team and he believes that playing mostly with UC students was a tremendous benefit. "Sometimes you can feel a little split on campus," he notes. "Here, you're together with the guys you see around the school. We really enjoyed being on the court and in the game. We were teaching each other so there was no stress or pressure. You learn a lot about teamwork. The friendships that come out of playing are the best part—the winning is an added bonus!"

The women's volleyball team is also looking forward to a strong season. With a good mix of returning players and newcomers, expectations are high. "If someone was asked to describe our team, I think they would say that we have strong athleticism, solid technical skills and incredible determination," says team veteran Jessica Sharpe.

Sharpe, a Seminary student, feels that there is a strong camaraderie among the players that will be a bonus to the team as it faces some strong competition. "So far, we have enjoyed not only being the current leader in our league but also reinforcing a strong bond of fellowship and providing encouragement among teammates," she says. "It is this bond more than anything else that the competition will have to overcome if they are to be victorious."

For Tim Cruickshank, early on in his first year on Tyndale's basketball team was a time of adjustment. He adapted well to an unfamiliar role and this resulted in him being named to the league's all-star team and a co-recipient of Tyndale's Male Athlete of the Year. He feels this year's success is a combination of factors. "This year's team really thrives on talent, teamwork and an all-around great team spirit," he comments. "I think our mutual love of the game and each other really contributes to a strong team spirit that helps us use our individual talents to succeed. The atmosphere on the team is nothing like that on the teams I've been on before."

The benefits of Tyndale athletics go far beyond the championships, of which Tyndale's basketball team has won three in a row. "The players on the team are all quality guys and the team encourages you to grow into a godly man," Cruickshank says. "We're a team and that's the way we'll stay."

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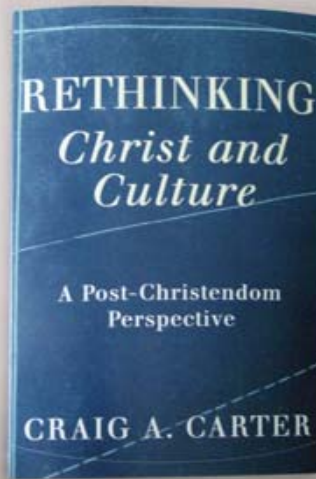
Rethinking Christ and Culture: A Post-Christendom Perspective

Dr. Craig Carter, Associate Professor of Religious Studies at Tyndale University College, has published an original, prophetic and pragmatic call to the Church to recognize its new post-Christendom location, to repent of its Christendom leanings and to embrace new options of faithfulness and mission to the world.

Carter's book makes the convincing case that the Church is in a lengthy but epochal cultural shift, being transposed from a position of privilege and influence to one of marginality. The Christendom model assumes that Christians are responsible for building and sustaining culture and therefore, Christians must be "realistic" and make compromises in applying a perfect Christ to "fallen" culture. Carter celebrates the demise of this paradigm and argues that the model represents a perversion of the Gospel, a parody of the Church and a betrayal of Jesus' teachings.

Carter's main achievement is to thoroughly dismantle the most influential analysis of Church and culture in the 20th century, namely H. Richard Niebuhr's *Christ and Culture* (1951). Niebuhr provided a typology of ways which churches have related to culture: Christ against culture, Christ of culture, Christ above culture, Christ and culture in paradox, and Christ transforming culture.

Both liberal and conservative forms of Christianity have embraced this portrayal of the range of possible options for engaging culture. Yet Carter shows that this typology presupposes Christendom culture, that is, a society in which



truth that in the resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ, the world has already been transformed.

For more than 20 years, Carter has been reading and reflecting on the writings of Karl Barth, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, John

Howard Yoder and Leslie Newbigin, among others. From these great teachers, Carter learned how to read the Bible, the Christian tradition and Western culture. Arguably these theologians were ahead of their time, sensing the demise of Christendom, which is only happening now. Carter's book presents the best of their insights at a time when the Church is broadly cognizant of the crisis and opportunity. In this new context, Carter advises that the purpose of the Church is to proclaim the coming of God's reign and to embody this witness in its own communal life—and this cannot be done with a Christendom strategy.

Carter's book is bold in style, carefully argued with many biographical and historical examples, guided by an informed and passionately held biblical vision for the Church of Jesus Christ. This book is for not only for academics, but for all who live their faith in the classroom of culture and seek to make sense of it all. Carter is a reliable guide, whose goal it is to inspire each reader to a more thoroughly "sanctified imagination" of what the Church can be.

—Reviewed by Dr. Arnold Neufeldt-Fast, Assistant Professor of Theology at Tyndale Seminary.

Church and civil government are united in their adherence to the Christian faith. However, according to Carter, this presupposition is not biblically justified, theologically sound, pastorally responsible or evangelistically effective.

Consequently, Western churches have themselves become transformed by the fragmenting and individualistic forces of their culture. Both liberal and conservative churches are dead ends insofar as they dutifully accept the place that modern Christendom designates for them (i.e., as props for the morale of the nation-state and as consolation to individuals in private). Carter's proposal is that the Church's goal is not the transformation of society, as Niebuhr assumed, but bearing witness to the

Media Mentions

Dr. Paul Magnus' installation and speech were the subject of an article. —*Christian Week*, January 2007

Dr. Paul Wong, a Tyndale University College professor, was interviewed for an article on cultivating optimism by *newpharmacist*, a national lifestyle and health publication for Canadian pharmacists. —*newpharmacist*, December 21, 2006

Dr. Ian Gentles debated stem cell research on the Michael Coren Show. —*CTS*, December 12, 2006

Dr. Paul Wong was interviewed by BBC Radio 4 for a report on the world's great optimists, based on his work in the field of Tragic Optimism. —*BBC Radio 4*, December 2, 2006

The acquisition of Tyndale's Bayview campus was featured on *100 Huntley St*. The piece can be viewed on the Tyndale website, www.tyndale.ca. —*CTS*, November 21, 2006

Dr. Brian C. Stiller commented on the political attacks on government appointee Darrel Reid, former president of Focus on the Family Canada. —*ChristianWeek*, November 2006

Dr. James Beverley, a Tyndale Seminary professor, was chosen as regular guest for the Drew Marshall radio show. —*1250 AM*

Dr. James Beverley, was interviewed on CTV National News about Pope Benedict's controversial remarks regarding Islam. —*CTV National News*, September 2006

Cliff Fletcher, a Tyndale alumnus, wrote an article on mentoring titled "Barrie's Experience." —*Mosaic*, (*The Free Methodist Church in Canada's newsletter*), Fall 2006

Nathan Colquhoun, a Tyndale student, was featured in an article for his efforts to plant a new church in downtown Sarnia. —*Mosaic*, Fall 2006

Faculty & Staff Notes



Dr. Elaine Becker, Director of the Degree Completion Program (University College) presented a paper at the annual conference of the North American Professors of Christian Education (NAPCE) in Denver, Colorado. Dr. Becker and Dr. Yau Man Siew presented a paper together on "Teaching through Covenant and Community." Dr. Becker also facilitated the Networking Group for Ministry with Children. She assumes the role as vice-president for this professional group for 2007, with the responsibility for the October 2007 conference in San Jose, CA.



Dr. James Beverley, Professor of Christian Thought & Ethics (Seminary), was guest speaker at the annual fall meeting of the Yarmouth Association of Baptist Churches in October. He lectured on the life of former US President Bill Clinton at the annual meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society in Washington, DC in November.



Dr. Brad Faught, Associate Professor of History (University College), wrote an article entitled "An Imperial Prime Minister? W.E. Gladstone and India, 1880-1885," for *The Journal of the Historical Society* (December 2006). He also wrote a short feature piece, "A History of the Exam," for *Maclean's* magazine (University Rankings issue, November 13, 2006).



Dr. Jennifer Hart Weed, Assistant Professor of Philosophy (University College), presented on "Faith-Work Integration" to university groups at Inter-Varsity Graduate Christian Fellowship and Knox Presbyterian Church in

October, and at a young professionals workshop (the Grace Project) in November. She also commented on a paper given by Dr. Jonathan Chaplin (Tyndale House, Cambridge) at his installation as a Senior Fellow for the Work Research Foundation. Dr. Hart Weed was also a panelist for the subsequent discussion on Sphere Sovereignty at Redeemer University College on November 8.



Dr. Rebecca Idestrom, Associate Professor of Old Testament (Seminary), attended the annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature in Washington, DC, November 17-21, where she presented a paper, "Echoes of the Book of Exodus in Ezekiel." She also attended the Women in Leadership Conference sponsored by the Association of Theological Schools (ATS) held from October 27 to 29 in Pittsburgh, PA.



Dr. Barbara Leung Lai, Associate Professor of Old Testament (Seminary), published two chapters, "Uncovering the Isaian Personality: Wishful Thinking or Viable Task?" and "Surely, all are in vain! – Psalm 73 and Humanity Reaching out to God," in *Angles of Vision: Biblical Studies in the Life of the Mind, Culture, and Spirit: Essays in Honor of Bruce M. Metzger*, ed. J. Harold Ellens (Praeger Books, 2006). She served as organizer and facilitator in the PrimeTimer Consultation held at Tyndale Seminary, from September 30 to October 1, 2006. At the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting in Washington, DC, November 18-21, 2006, Dr. Leung Lai presented two papers, "Toward an Appropriation Theory: A Contextual Reading of the 'Remembering' [Zakar] Motif in Deuteronomy" at the Contextual Biblical Interpretation Consultation and "Voice and Interiority: The Interweaving of Speaking Voices in Isaiah 21: 1-12" at the Biblical Criticism and Literary Criticism Section.



Dr. Dennis Ngien, Research Professor in Theology, Director of ThM Program (Seminary) was a mission conference speaker in Lansdowne Baptist Church in Edmonton, October 20-22. His article, "The God Who Suffers," published in *Christianity Today* in 1997 was selected as one of the top 13 timeless significant articles in Christianity Today's 50th anniversary web page (www.christianitytoday.com).



Dr. Victor Shepherd, Professor of Systematic and Historical Theology (Seminary) delivered a paper, "Thomas F. Torrance and the Homousion of the Holy Spirit," at the November meeting of AAR/SBL. He has been made Adjunct Professor of Theology at Regis College (Jesuit), University of Toronto. In January 2007 he spoke at Yorkminster Park Baptist Church in Toronto on "What is an Evangelical?" On January 21, 2007 he gave leadership to the "Jewish-Muslim Dialogue for the Future Generations" in Ottawa as a result to positive feedback from the Jewish and Muslim communities after his interview on radio CHIN in Ottawa, April 2006.



Dr. Yau Man Siew, Associate Professor of Educational Ministries (Seminary), conducted a series of Teacher Enrichment Workshops for about 40 teachers at Logos Baptist

Church, Mississauga on November 25. In the fall, Dr. Siew preached at North Toronto Chinese Baptist Church, Markham Chinese Presbyterian Church and Care & Support Fellowship Christian Church. He was at a CandoSpirit Network, Inc. board retreat in Banff, Alberta from December 8-11.



Dr. Wafik Wahba, Associate Professor of Global Christianity (Seminary), attended Transform World India Conference in Hyderabad, India from October 24 to 28 where more than 500 church leaders, professors and missionaries planned for the future life and ministry of the church in India. He also lectured on "The Church's Missional Responsibilities in the Contemporary Indian Context" at South Asia Institute for Advanced Christian Studies (SAIACS) in Bangalore, India.



Dr. Stanley Waters, Professor of Religious Studies (University College) delivered a paper at the 2006 SBL meeting in Washington, "Death as Begetter," – a study of the expression "the cords of death/Sheol" which appears four times in the Bible.



Dr. Ron Weed, Assistant Professor of Philosophy (University College), presented on "Christian Character and Vocation" to university groups at Inter-Varsity Graduate Christian Fellowship and Knox Presbyterian Church in October, and at a young professionals workshop, the Grace Project, in November. He published an article titled "Simulation Theory and the Moral Psychology of Interest Identification: Deigh, Gordon and the Problem of Non-Egoistic Association" in the *Journal of Contemporary Thought*. His review of "Andrius Bielskis, Towards a Post-Modern Understanding of the Political: From Genealogy to Hermeneutics" (New York: Palgrave MacMillan, 2005) was also published in *Eurostudies: TransAtlantic Journal for European Studies*.



Dr. Lilian Wong, Associate Professor of Psychology (University College), conducted a workshop on play therapy at the inaugural Conference of the National Association of Life and Death Education on November 25.



Dr. Paul Wong, Professor of Psychology; Chair of the Division of Social Sciences and Business Administration (University College) delivered two keynote addresses in November. One entitled, "The Scientific Studies of Death Acceptance: Implications for Hospice and Palliative Care," was delivered at the inaugural conference of the Institute of Death Education and Counselling at the National Taipei College of Nursing, the largest nursing college in Taiwan. At the Conference of the National Association of Life and Death Education, his keynote address featured Coping Strategies and Successful Aging. In this address, he presented the final results of his Ontario Successful Aging Project, funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC).



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