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Tyndale Receives Final Approval to Offer Bachelor of Education Degree Program

Tyndale University College has received formal approval to offer the 12-month Bachelor of Education degree program from the Honourable John Milloy, Ontario's Minister for Training, Colleges and Universities. This approval comes almost one year after the government initially recommended that Tyndale proceed to seek accreditation through the Ontario College of Teachers (OCT) to offer the degree program to candidates who wish to teach primary, junior and intermediate grades. At the end of August 2007, Tyndale received accreditation from OCT.

"After months of careful preparation,

building contacts within the government, meetings with community leaders, and fundraising to pay the costs, it is done!" announced Tyndale's President Stiller.

The BE program will begin July 8, 2008. It will be the first program to be offered at the new Tyndale campus located at the Sisters of Saint Joseph's Morrow Park property on Bayview Avenue.

Dr. Carla Nelson, Director of the Bachelor of Education program, said that the BE program has been developed to deliver learning experiences that will challenge teacher candidates to incarnate the values common to both the educational enterprise and a faith

perspective through being immersed into real issues and contexts of the teaching profession.

Graduates of this program will be eligible for a Certificate of Qualification from OCT. Tyndale already has agreements with four major public school boards, each stating their willingness to have Tyndale's teacher candidates in their schools.

Prospective students who are interested in being a part of the first cohort are encouraged to visit www.tyndale.ca/university/education to access application forms. Deadline for the first intake is February 29, 2008. For more information, please contact education@tyndale.ca.

Tyndale Seminary Plans Doctor of Ministry Degree Program

Tyndale Seminary is on the final stretch as it plans to launch a Doctor of Ministry (DMin) degree within the next two years. The doctoral degree program comes as a next step in Tyndale Seminary's longstanding commitment to the preparation of ministry leaders.

Extensive research and development for this new degree offering has been underway for over a year. A team from the accrediting body, the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada (ATS), conducted a site visit on November 13, 2007 and that body is currently reviewing the degree proposal.

"The addition of doctoral level seminary education adds a vital new dimension to Tyndale's capacity to fulfill its mission of

educating and equipping leaders for service to the church and the world," says Tyndale president, Brian Stiller. There is a strong need for such a program in Central Canada. This was confirmed by focus groups, consultation with ministry leaders and survey data gathered from within the constituency.

The proposed degree program will provide ministry leaders in Canada and around the world with an opportunity for further education and development in three key areas: personal and spiritual development of the leader; development and delivery of effective and theologically-reflective ministry strategies, and research that is relevant to the practice of ministry. The program is modular in format. This allows pastors and leaders to remain in their ministry while studying and

completing the degree over a three-year period. The program is designed for Christian leaders who already have a master's degree and significant ministry experience but who are seeking to further develop their skills and capacities for effective leadership. The opportunity to return to school, to study and learn with a cohort of colleagues and exceptional faculty, and to hone and develop one's leadership capacities is a catalyst that can, it is anticipated, move them to a whole new level of effectiveness in ministry.

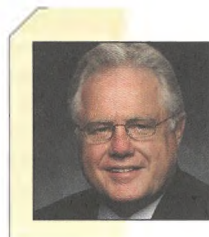
Final word on the degree approval is expected in January 2008. Pending final approval, a director of the DMin program will be hired and preparations will be made to receive applications beginning Fall 2008. The first class is projected to be held in May 2009.

Dr. Paul Magnus, who holds the R.J. Bernardo Family Chair of Leadership at Tyndale, has played a significant role in shaping the program. Anyone interested in further information about the program may contact pmagnus@tyndale.ca.

A paradigm of missionary vision and heart

To be missional means to see the world as God—Creator, Redeemer and Saviour—sees it. Over the last few years, our faculty have wrestled with this and have come to see that to be missional is to be in the stream of the Spirit as He empowers the people of God to give witness to the life of Christ.

But this is not a new paradigm or philosophy for us at Tyndale. Important for our consideration is that Tyndale came into existence in 1894 as the Toronto Bible Training School from the vision and passion of a mission movement. Around that time, in the late 19th century, Hudson Taylor pioneered a creative and innovative missionary program in China. He was revolutionary in his approach to missions. For



him missions was not building a compound and then inviting natives to be beneficiaries of that ministry. Instead, he called those serving with the China Inland Mission (CIM) movement to live among the people. In a remarkable way, he modeled what living among the people looked

like, including growing a pigtail common to that community. CIM missionaries lived among the Chinese, ate their food, lived in their houses and walked the paths of their world. This approach was transformative to the whole missionary movement.

Much of the evangelical world in the early part of the 20th century bought into this new paradigm of missions. Indeed, the word “missions” was as commonly associated with our church world as was the word “evangelism.” The

best conventions were missionary conventions. People who returned from exotic lands with their snake-skins and drums told harrowing stories of faith and described chilling moments of living on the edge. They gave church life a sense of purpose. Many of our churches viewed missions giving as central to their calling. For example, The Peoples Church and its annual missions conference (under Oswald J. Smith) became a paradigm of missionary vision and heart.

Our lives as people and the institutions we build are not for ourselves, but rather are meant to serve and to be given for the well-being and the eternal salvation of people here and worldwide.

I believe the current “missional movement” is the Spirit’s call to return to the mindset of the early church when each person filled with the Spirit was a missionary.

Editor’s Note

Mission and Belonging: Thoughts on the Tyndale Way

Recently, a young Christian man asked me pointedly if everything we say or do as Christians should reflect Christ. Since we profess Christianity and we are the reflection of Christ, I was tempted to say the obvious ‘yes, of course,’ intimating that it was a given. But then I decided to probe a bit further before making a committed response. He asked me “How is watching sports or going to watch a movie or even going dancing with friends thought to be missional?” I then mused, “How is any type of everyday activity or hobby which purpose is to enjoy and recreate, to be viewed? When engaged in such activities do we, for those periods, cease

being missional?” My conflict radar went on. I remained silent.

In this issue the focus is on Tyndale Seminary’s commitment to a missional framework.

The seminary outlines its philosophical underpinnings and reintroduces its purpose. If you haven’t visited Tyndale Seminary in a while, this is your opportunity to become acquainted with an institution that has at its core a missional thrust. See where they are today and see how they are likely to evolve in the years to come.

In 2008, Tyndale’s faculty will host educational tours, conferences and new courses. There is even a new association of spiritual directors being formed. Check out the Alumni section and learn more about the new alumni website and its social networking capabilities.

In the Fall 2007 issue of *Connection*, university prof Paul Wong outlined what makes a great university experience. In this

issue he writes about how to prepare a missional leader. Let us know what you think about Paul’s article.

For the past few years, in every issue, we have asked for your responses and comments. There is nothing more satisfying than knowing that we are being heard and understood. I am sure it is the same for you. You are as much a part of the Tyndale family as we are. We want you to experience a real sense of connection, of belonging. So, let us hear from you.

Tyndale is in for some interesting times. Let’s journey together. Until we connect again, let’s commit to living ‘missionally.’ Let’s recommit to discerning the will of God and making His will ours, everyday and everywhere. Let’s make every effort to seek and serve the living Christ in all persons as we go about our daily lives.

—Jacqueline Getfield

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Snyder Installed as Wesley Studies Chair

October 16, 2007 was a special day in the life of Tyndale Seminary. Tyndale faculty, staff, students, alumni and friends, as well as denominational representatives from the Wesleyan tradition, celebrated the installation of Dr. Howard A. Snyder to the position of Distinguished Professor, Donald N. & Kathleen G. Bastian Chair of Wesley Studies.

Tyndale Seminary views this as a seminal appointment as it evolves missionally.

Academic Dean, Dr. Janet Clark said, "Howard Snyder's voice is a significant addition for a seminary committed to forming people for mission. His theological rootedness, cross-cultural urban experience and creativity is vital to our engagement of our culture with the gospel."

In his presentation Snyder spoke about "Seeing the World through Wesleyan Lens." Acknowledging that there are different "Wesleys" and various interpretations of John

Wesley's theology and the contemporary relevance, Snyder interprets the lens as seeing God and the world the way John Wesley saw them. "The strength of the lens is its comprehensiveness," he said, "... through Wesley's lens, [we receive] a broad biblical vision of the world and can see the image of God in every person."

Seeing through the Wesleyan lens means seeing the wisdom of God in creation and seeing salvation as the restoration of God's image through Jesus Christ, justification by faith, and ultimate sanctification (thorough transformation into the image and mind of Christ). These are just a few of the philosophical highlights of Snyder's message which turned out to be a credible introduction to John Wesley's teachings. Snyder explained that both salvation and true faith are social as reflected in the Trinity. Christians therefore are called to walk as Jesus walked, and continues to walk, among those he restores. He further explained that this restoration does not come without suffering, without waiting in hope. As Christians, we suffer like a mother in labour, in hope of the new creation.



▲ [L-R] Brian Stiller, Donald and Kathleen Bastian, Janet Clark, Janice and Howard Snyder, and Earl Davey.

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A Seminary on a Mission

What is the best way to prepare Christian leaders for the challenges of ministry in our rapidly changing society?

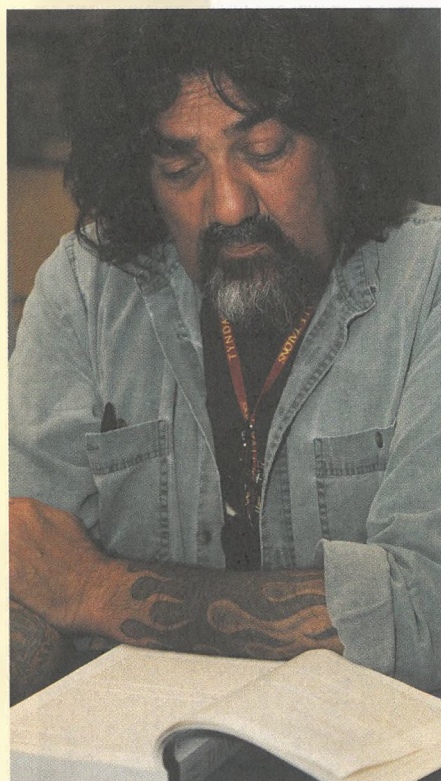
How best do we equip people of faith to engage a post-Christian, pluralistic, urbanized, and globalized culture with the gospel?

These questions animate our conversations and focus our energies at Tyndale Seminary. We've become convinced

own social location, adopting the posture of learner, and contextualizing the message.

While holding firm to the importance of learning to exegete and interpret the biblical text, we also emphasize the importance of exegeting the ministry context, the church, and the culture. While never wavering from a rock-solid foundation in the classic disciplines of biblical studies, theology, history and ministry, we've created three "signature courses" that set us apart from other seminaries—courses designed to develop effective, missionally-motivated Christian leaders: Leadership Development; Spiritual Formation; and Gospel Church & Culture: Missional Leadership in the 21st century.

At Tyndale, we understand ministry and witness as being entrusted to the whole people of God, not just those training for vocational ministry. And so we've developed a number of diploma and degree programs designed specifically for Christians in the workplace who want to study, grow and develop as people of faith.



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that our fundamental task is formation for mission. We're dedicated to educating and equipping people of faith, no matter what their vocation, to be participants in the mission of God in the world. We've been wrestling with what it means to re-envision theological education from a missional paradigm. This has become an integrating centre of our work and calling as a seminary.

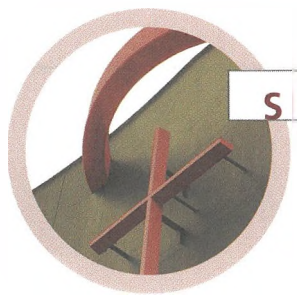
But what does this look like on the ground? How does a missional understanding of the church shape our approach to seminary education?

First and foremost, it means that mission is not just one of our programs. It lies at the heart of all we do. It means that the skills once considered "missionary" skills are seen as essential capacities for effective ministry in whatever setting—cultural analysis, attentiveness to the other, interrogating one's

As a seminary, we want to "bloom where we're planted" here in the world's most multicultural city. We're doing all we can to move away from the Eurocentrism of traditional theological education and embrace a global vision of the Church. Our students and faculty are vibrantly diverse. Our alumni are scattered across the globe. We endeavour to cultivate culturally competent Christian leaders with a global perspective on the mission of God throughout history and into the future.

Although the terminology may be different, our goal remains unchanged from Tyndale's earliest beginnings: to prepare leaders to live their lives with a missional purpose, to the glory of God.

—Dr. Janet Clark is the Academic Dean of Tyndale Seminary.



Seminary-Formation for Mission

Mission and Missions within a Missional Context

“Formation for Mission” best describes what Tyndale Seminary is all about. During the last few years, Tyndale Seminary adopted an integrated model of missional approach in theological studies.

Today our curriculum operates out of an intentionally missional framework. We function out of the basic biblical principle that God is a missionary God. Throughout the whole biblical narrative we encounter a personal and purposeful God who creates the universe for the purpose of His glory, the God who intervenes in human history to redeem humanity from the power of sin and death; the God who reconciles humanity and the whole creation to himself bringing shalom.

The missiological implication is that mission is God’s mission, understood and expressed in the theological phrase *Missio Dei*. The church, as the people of God, is given the privilege and the responsibility to participate in the mission of God. The church is called to proclaim the good news of God’s salvation, to become an effective instrument in reconciling communities and nations with one another and ultimately with God. Missional leaders are called to articulate this basic calling of the church through their lives and ministries in the world.

Theologians and missiologists distinguish between several terms used to describe the role of the church in the world. *Mission* refers to the calling of the church to participate in God’s mission in and to the world. *Missions* describes the structure and activities carried by the church in order to fulfill the task of mission while *missional* refers to the very essence of the church. A missional church is a church that lives according to its very nature and calling. The missional church does more than name a function or participate in activities called “missions.”

An integrated missional curriculum operates out of the basic concept that the purpose of theological education is to equip *missional leaders* to proclaim the good news of God’s salvation in every sphere of life. Theological formation includes a variety of disciples that eventually prepare well-rounded and dedicated leaders to serve churches and communities in Canada and around the globe. The ultimate mission of the people of God is to be a sign of the Kingdom everywhere they serve. Obviously, the church itself is not the kingdom of God; it serves as a pointer to the kingdom. Through faithful witness and passionate service of God’s people in the pastorate, counselling, Christian education, global

missions and in other areas of ministry, the kingdom of God is realized in the world.

Preparing missional leaders in the contemporary global context requires serious engagement of the ideologies and cultural milieu of the postmodern world. Tyndale Seminary provides one of the most comprehensive and contemporary academic programs in a variety of theological disciplines. As a graduate seminary in the most multicultural and cosmopolitan city of the world, Tyndale Seminary provides a unique opportunity for Christian leaders to study and interact with the postmodern culture of our contemporary world.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS IN MISSIONS AND GLOBAL STUDIES

Tyndale Seminary offers one of the most comprehensive and contemporary programs in missions and global studies in North America. As such, Tyndale Seminary offers three degrees in missions:

- > Master of Divinity: Major in Missions and Global Studies: (3 years: 27 courses)
- > Master of Theological Studies with focus on Missions: (2 years: 18 courses)
- > Graduate Diploma in Missions and Global studies: (1 year: 9 courses)

Academic programs in missions and global studies equip church leaders and missionaries to engage in holistic ministry in cross-cultural contexts both locally and globally. Students are exposed to the range of contemporary missiological theory and practice from evangelical perspectives. The various missions and missions-related courses are also beneficial to those wanting to upgrade skills in mission studies.

Tyndale Seminary offers many courses in missions and global studies such as:

- Gospel, Church & Culture: Missional Leadership for the 21st Century
- Perspectives on Global Mission
- Global Christianity
- Theology of Missions
- History of Missions
- Cross-cultural Communication
- Christianity and Islam: A Global Perspectives
- World Religions

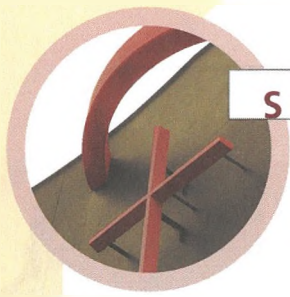
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Tyndale graduates are serving in strategic ministries in over 30 countries including Afghanistan, Bulgaria, China, Cyprus, Finland, India, Korea, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Japan, Lebanon, Peru, Turkistan, Uganda and United Arab Emirates. They are the ambassadors of Christ who reconcile the world to God.

Our world today needs dedicated missional leaders more than ever. It needs Christian leaders who are able to proclaim the love of God in their lives and professional ministries.

—Dr. Wafik Wahba is Associate Professor of Global Christianity at Tyndale Seminary.



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Rethinking Theological Education for the 21st Century

Now entering its fourth year, the MDiv In-Ministry is a complete rethink of the nature of theological education for this new century. At first glance its attraction lies in the fact that it is a modular cohort program. This means that a student can acquire an MDiv by coming to school for one day a week over three years (plus electives). There is also the appeal of studying with a cohort of students and the resulting lifelong relationships. The convenience factor is there, but this medium of delivery is not the reason for the program. Rather, it is the best vehicle to convey the message—a whole new way of thinking of leadership formation.

Faced with the erosion of a Christian consensus and our modern, rational worldview and the advent of a new multicultural, pluralistic reality within one of the most urban nations in the world, we realized that we needed to rethink how we formed leaders. As we wrestled with scripture, we became increasingly convinced that mission lay at its heart. So the In-Ministry program was designed with mission as its integrating centre, not just for the overall program, but for every course. The goal of this program is to be a part of shaping a Church which is turned outward in active engagement with the world, not in specific missions programs, but in its

very lifeblood.

To achieve this goal the program is built around four major themes. First, we want to form leaders who are exceptionally skilled in interpreting the Bible. This is absolutely foundational. But students also need to be able to interpret the local church, to be able to understand theologically what is happening in all aspects of the life of the community—including its worship, corporate life, finances, architecture, furnishings and landscaping. The third foundational skill is a capability to interpret culture. Each local context—downtown Toronto, Brampton, London or Kingston—is unique. Unless we are able to interpret these locations we risk answering questions no one is asking. There is no manual out there to tell us how to respond to our local context. It simply requires hard work. Finally, we believe that it is vital that pastors are able to interpret their contexts. Understanding who we are is essential to our ministry. Failure to grasp this has led to extremely high attrition rates among young

pastors across the country. As these skills are put into place, the student is then asked to integrate them. Knowledge is only understood as we do it. So students are taught how to take what they have learned in the classroom and to implement it on the ground.

The MDiv In-Ministry is for people who have felt a call to ministry and have a concern for the world. It is for people who have found themselves in leadership roles. It is for people who have been pastors for decades, or have just graduated from university. We learn to lead by leading, so the In-Ministry is for people committed to struggling with studying and leading at the same time. This is not a rhythm which we lead for only three years. Rather, leaders in the 21st century will need to daily live out patterns of study and engagement. This is the journey of the In-Ministry cohorts.

—Donald Goertz is the Director of the MDiv In-Ministry program and also Assistant Professor of Church History.

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Benner Provides Psychologically-Grounded Spiritual Direction

More than 40 spiritual directors had the unique opportunity to spend three days with internationally-renowned psychologist, spiritual director, and teacher Dr. David Benner and his wife Juliet who is also a spiritual director. They were participating in a Tyndale-sponsored teaching retreat, titled “Psychologically-Grounded Spiritual Direction.” Retreatants’ minds were stimulated and hearts were warmed as they engaged with David’s authenticity, his vulnerability, and his reflective, Spirit-led

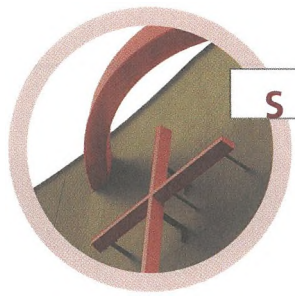
approach. Juliet, a docent of the Art Gallery of Hamilton, led attendees in several experiences of lectio divina, each followed by reflection on a painting related to the passage. These gospel stories came alive in a deep and personal way for the retreatants.

AN ASSOCIATION OF SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS

The retreat was organized by a group of spiritual directors led by Sandy Broadus with guidance from Dr. David



▲ Spiritual Formation Retreat group. David and Juliet Benner (far right).

*Seminary-Formation for Mission**Seminary Student Population Reflects Toronto's Diversity*

Do you recognize this student? There was a time not so long ago when the typical incoming seminary class was composed largely of young, white males studying full-time to prepare for traditional pastoral ministry. However, at Tyndale, today's incoming seminary students look very different: Most new students first consider seminary after significant workplace experience. Some 55% are white. The majority are women. Less than half are preparing for traditional ordained ministry. As before, the vast majority feel that God has called them to a ministry, placed them in a particular web of relationships—and they expect that the seminary should equip them. These lawyers, IT specialists, engineers, nurses, teachers, and marketplace leaders are challenging the unspoken assumption that “real ministry” occurs primarily under the umbrella of ordination and traditional church or para-church ministries. They are telling the seminary that ordained,

church-related ministry is not the only or primary way to be a minister; that their experiences witness to the lordship of Christ over all areas of life—including business, politics and science.

Tyndale anticipated this shift in the Canadian church some years ago. It is reflected in the seminary's mission statement—“to provide Christ-centred graduate theological education for leaders in Church and society...” —and in the design and delivery of key programs as well. The courses in the Master of Theological Studies (MTS) and Diploma in Christian Studies Modular programs, for example, are delivered one evening a week in a format that works for busy people. Students can earn a graduate diploma in 1.5 years. Or, they can continue on to receive a master's degree in three years. Unlike the traditional seminary student, most MTS students may hold full-time employment throughout the duration of their studies.

Spiritual formation has always been a central part of Christian leadership training. In the MTS Modular program, students work at their individual spiritual growth over three years in the trusted context of the student's cohort (or class) and together with mentors from the contexts in which God has placed and called them.

Course content has also changed. All modules are geared to enable the new student to see, think and act “missionally.” This means to understand the intersection of Christianity with culture, and to see, hear and personally embrace a gospel-shaped engagement with urban, multi-cultural, pluralistic Canadian society. Biblical skills remain central, though MTS students are

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not required to learn Greek or Hebrew.

It is increasingly apparent that the contemporary Canadian church needs a plurality of leaders deeply rooted in Bible and theology and mentored in churches that are committed to work hard at being “salt and light” in their local contexts. With the MTS Modular Program and the Graduate Diploma in Christian Studies (Modular), Tyndale Seminary has become a place not just for those seeking ordination, but for Christians in the workplace, leaders in para-church organizations, elders, deacons, youth leaders, leaders of small groups, and Sunday School teachers. The MTS and Graduate Diploma modular cohort programs are designed to equip and shape this new breed of seminary student that God is calling to participate in his mission.

—Dr. Arnold Neufeldt-Fast, Associate Academic Dean, is also Director of the Master of Theological Studies Modular program.



Sherbino, Professor of Spirituality and Pastoral Ministry. Both have been diligently working over the past year to form an association with a relationship to, and under the accountability of, the seminary. At a special meeting during the retreat, Dr. Janet Clark, Academic Dean of the Seminary, announced that the seminary cabinet had approved, in principle, the concept of an association. Dr. Clark commented that the seminary does not want just a three- or four-year relationship with its students, but wants to see a long-term relationship of ongoing support. While there is much work still to be done to make this a reality, Dr. Sherbino commented that he was excited to see their vision of the association begin to take shape. He was pleased that the association was initiated by the spiritual direction community.

*Seminarians Reach Out to the World through Spiritual Direction Ministry***TYNDALE GOES TO MALAYSIA AND GREAT BRITAIN**

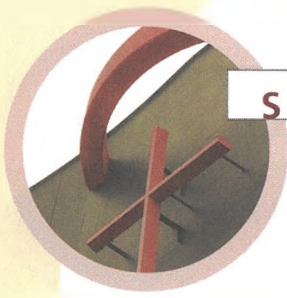
Since graduating from Tyndale Seminary, Sandra Broadus has been answering God's call to the ministry of Spiritual Direction (SD). She serves at her church, in private SD practice, and at Tyndale Seminary, where she teaches the SD Practicum, and works with Dr. Sherbino in the Finding Your Way – Principles of Spiritual Direction course. This summer, Sandra travelled to Calvary Church in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, the home church of Maria Kon, a current Tyndale Seminary student. Malaysia is officially a Muslim state, tolerating Christianity, but forbidding conversion of Muslims. Even so,



▲ David Benner teaching a class at the retreat.

Calvary Church is home to a large, multi-site community of Christians, with an intense hunger for God. Sandra presented a full-day seminar titled “Experiencing God's Transforming

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Seminary-Formation for Mission

Living the missional life

Being in Christ: a personal reflection

At Tyndale Seminary, students are encouraged to evaluate their own philosophy from a Christian perspective. In so doing they may either adjust or cement their previously held personal convictions. Students are at once stretched and challenged to embrace different perspectives. Many seize the opportunity to look closely at their lives and to be transformed through the rigours of their study.

With this in mind, I sat down with Tyndale Seminary student, Ashoor Yousif, a student who is now completing the MTS Modular Program, to see if his experience as a student has affected his Christian journey or if for him this is just another foray into the world of academia—for the simple pleasure of acquiring knowledge.

JG: Does each person have a unique call or mission?

Ashoor Yousif: Yes, however the personal call is not limited to the church ministry, as many of us think, but it extends to the community and workplace. There is no special or only one way to discern God's call to a special career or occupation, but a Christian should strive to discern God's leading or guidance into specific forms of work and career through being and living within a relationship with God.

JG: As an engineer, how do you live out your call?

Ashoor Yousif: Developing and creating new medical equipment to tend to the needs of ill and weak humans is glorifying God if it is done with a "servant" attitude. I believe that I serve my God through serving His creation. It is my responsibility to live as God calls, now and in the future. For now, God has called me to my career field as a biomedical engineer.

JG: At what point does ministry, mission and work converge?

Ashoor Yousif: "Whatever your task, work heartily, as serving the Lord and not your masters." (Col. 3:23). This means that I will always do my job with excellence. God sees me even when my superiors do not. God is interested in the small things that nobody else is interested in. When I serve with excellence, people will take notice, and they may inquire of the reasons of my



▲ Ashoor Yousif, MTS Modular student.

pursuit of excellence. That would be a good thing, but that's not the point. I need to serve with excellence even when I know that people will not take notice. My ministry therefore will be to display honesty and integrity at all times; to have a high work ethic and to be truly professional. This will require a lot of discipline. I need to watch what I say as well as what I do. My colleagues know that I am a Christian, and they expect a high standard from me. One small mistake could ruin my witness and become a stumbling block for someone else. I cannot therefore be hypocritical and live a life of double-standard.

I am constantly exploring new avenues and opportunities for ministry. Being an engineer requires from a person a logical mind and problem-solving abilities. These are not skills. These are gifts that have been with me since I can remember.

JG: In some denominations, they emphasize the salvation of self and the earthly symbols of success as being reflective of one's health as a good Christian. But, what about being your brother's keeper? Do you believe that it is a part of your duty as a Christian, who has been given much, to seek and ensure justice for those who are disadvantaged or depressed?

Ashoor Yousif: The church's role is to be salt and light. The church has to respond to society's crises, to bring goodness, peace, justice and liberation to the poor and the disadvantaged. It's not just about winning souls

for Christ, which is an essential and crucial role, but it is also about bringing the Kingdom of God to earth. Christ lived, cared for and responded to human concerns.

Part of being salt and light is to influence the value system of my workplace. Who is going to ask for justice if I do not. Who is going to ask for impartial management if I do not. Who is going to ask for fair business practices if I do not? I believe that I need to show and communicate my values in a thoughtful, loving, and gracious way in my workplace.

JG: So now that I have an idea of your thoughts on being missional in the workplace how does this translate in the church?

Ashoor Yousif: I am a leader at the Middle East Baptist Church, an ethnic church whose members have emigrated from Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, Jordan and Egypt. It is affiliated with the Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec (BCOQ). There I pastor and teach the youth and young adults. Currently we are in the process of developing a second ministry—a full scale English ministry for second generation Canadians for whom English is their first language.

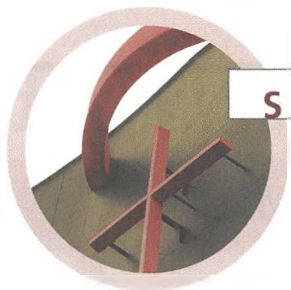
I believe that a true church is the church that believes and embraces the missional model. A missional church exists not just for persons to congregate but for members to evolve into being ministers and performing as missionaries. Each member's career may be considered as their vocation. Each member lives for God, witnesses for God. For example, a prayer person should be living a life of integrity and being a word of wisdom whether in the church or the workplace.

JG: Who is a missional person? What makes a person missional?

Ashoor Yousif: Daniel and Joseph were missional men, who performed excellently not working for man but for God. I believe that there are no spectators in the Church. Some are equipped to train the congregation, others build connections and relationships with co-workers where they can "speak into" each other's lives. Others are equipped to bring Christ and His Kingdom wherever He leads.

The missional person has one life philosophy: to be God's representative on this earth for the purpose of His glory.

—JG: Jacqueline Getfield, Managing Editor of *Connection*, is also Director of Communication at Tyndale University College & Seminary.



Seminary-Formation for Mission

Discover Martin Luther. Explore Germany.

Sleep where Martin Luther slept. Well, not exactly. It will be down the stairs and across a courtyard, but it will be in the very monastery Luther entered in 1505.



During March 6-16, 2008 (March Break), I will be leading a course/tour to Germany called "Discovering Dr. Luther". You can take it for credit towards an MDiv degree or come just for the fun of it.

I'm doing this because it is a great way to study history. The Protestant Reformation was one of the most important movements in the story of western civilization, and Luther was at the heart of it. We'll spend three nights in the monastery in Erfurt and then six nights in a four-star hotel right beside the house in which he and his family lived in Wittenberg. We will also visit the Wartburg Castle, Eisleben, Torgau, and Leipzig—all places of importance in Luther's life. And we will dip into recent German history with a trip to Buchenwald concentration camp and

a tour of Berlin where we will see the house in which Dietrich Bonhoeffer's parents lived and he was arrested by the Nazis.

For only \$3100. (\$300.00 additional the course is being taken for credit), you will be a part of a tour experience that is guaranteed to stimulate intellectually and emotionally. This fare covers air and ground transportation, excellent accommodation, breakfast and dinner each day (and the food is to die for!), all tips and entrance charges, lectures by internationally recognized scholars, superb local guides, and all under the eye of an experienced, young German tour director with whom I have worked twice before. There is room now for seven more people.

This will be the fifth educational tour I have done—the second to Germany. I can guarantee not only a worthwhile, but also an interesting—even exciting experience. Come be a part of it, and catch the flavour of one of the most significant moments in history.

Contact Information: If you are interested, send an email to rkydd@tyndale.ca or leave a message at 416-226-6620 ext. 2707.



About the tour organizer, Rev. Dr. Ron Kydd:

Ron Kydd is an ordained Anglican priest who is also a research professor of Church History at Tyndale Seminary.

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Presence," that explored various contemplative prayer forms. She also taught a one-day class in spiritual direction to spiritual director trainees, and gave a message on "Spiritual Friendship" to the Ladies Worship Service. Sandra says that it was an amazing experience to spend time with people who have such an incredible thirst for God in an adverse spiritual climate, and to see God work in their lives. Maria comments, "to see Tyndale come to my church was a dream come true. People were very moved by Sandy's teaching and perhaps one of Sandy's greatest gifts was giving encouragement to trainee spiritual directors." Subsequently, Dr. Sherbino has been in dialogue with Calvary Church regarding more opportunities for Tyndale to share world-recognized spiritual formation expertise in Malaysia.

In May 2008, Dr. Sherbino will be leading a 12-day study tour of Scotland and England including the rare opportunity for a three-day stay at the monastery of Iona and a visit to Holy Island – Lindisfarne. (For more information, see ad on page 10.)

—Tom Bell, MTS 2007, is a Certified Spiritual Director (CSD).



▲ Sandra Broadus (centre) in Malaysia with Tyndale Seminary student Maria Kon (right) and Pam J. Guneratnam (left).

Spring 2008

Graduation

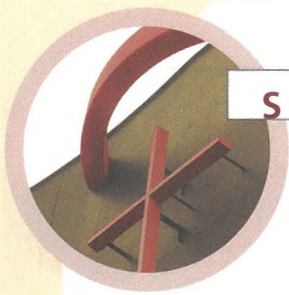
The Board of Governors, President, Provost and Faculty of Tyndale University College & Seminary request the honour of your presence at the Spring 2008 graduation ceremony.

Guest Speaker: Ajith Fernando

Saturday, May 10, 2008, 3:00 p.m.

Queensway Cathedral
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All are invited.



Seminary-Formation for Mission

The Most Dangerous Prayer

When we mumble through the Lord's Prayer every Sunday in my church, I often wonder whether we realize what we are asking for.

"Your kingdom come . . ." That kingdom is not a piece of land or a group of people. It is God's "reign." We're asking for the same thing when we go on: "Your will be done." God made this world to be "very good," a harmonious whole in which everything could flourish. But that good pattern



of life was torn apart. Our world is "bent," out of joint, and littered with violence and death. Living in this bent world we pray "Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." We do not ask to escape and live in the clouds. We ask for God's reign to return "on earth," to restore the world to wholeness.

This restoration includes our turning back to God and "hallowing" His name, moved to

worship by the realization that this One shaped our bones and gives us breath. But the "reign" of God goes much further. Paul tells us elsewhere that "the whole creation groans" with us, waiting for redemption (Romans 8:22). So when we pray "Your kingdom come" we are asking God to put things right again through the whole of our world. When I look around me, what is not the way God meant it to be? What is out of joint? Are the people next door living with backs turned to their Maker? Is the woman in the next cubicle sunk in depression and isolation? Is the man on the bus with such tired eyes trying to choose between giving his children their "daily bread" and paying the rent? We are challenged by Jesus to pray "Your kingdom come," and then to be God's hands and feet as He makes His will for a whole, flourishing world a reality once again.

There is nothing more dangerous, than to pray "Your kingdom come." It means asking for everything to change, and offering ourselves as agents of that change. A lot of people would rather keep things bent, and we will sometimes face the violence, the hostility, of a world addicted to the status quo. But God holds out to us the privilege of sharing in His own work as He makes His creation whole. And so each Sunday we pray together, "Your kingdom come."

—Dr. Ian W. Scott is Assistant Professor of New Testament at Tyndale Seminary.



seminary snapshots

Preaching Workshop

Tyndale's first annual Fall Preaching Workshop was held on Friday, September 28. Our guest presenter was Dr. Kent Anderson of ACTS Seminary in Langley, British Columbia. Dr. Anderson recently published *Choosing to Preach* and also maintains a preaching website, www.preaching.org. Seventy-five students, alumni and pastors were in attendance. The day featured two morning lectures on the theology and methodology of preaching, followed by an interactive seminar and concluded with Dr. Anderson proclaiming the gospel in an actual sermon. Next year's speaker will be Calvin Miller. The date is Friday, September 26th, 2008. Mark your calendar now!

Launch of *Missio Dei* – A New Tyndale Journal for Christian Leaders

Keep your eyes open this coming year for the launch of *Missio Dei: Tyndale Seminary's Journal of Missional Christianity*. This will be a free electronic journal featuring relevant articles by Tyndale faculty and friends, aimed at helping Christian leaders as we join in the mission of God. The first issue is expected in Summer 2008.

Celtic Christianity Study Tour

MAY 26 - JUNE 07, 2008



Tyndale Seminary is offering a study tour on Celtic Spirituality.

This tour will provide an overview of the mission and ministry of St. Patrick. This study tour is for those who have an interest in learning about the spread of Christianity to Ireland and Scotland and the influence of St. Patrick and St. Columba. We'll trace St. Patrick's footsteps throughout Ireland and the influence of St. Columba as he brought Christianity to the tiny island of Iona. From this island, Christianity spread to Lindisfarne which today is a centre of spiritual renewal through the community of St Aiden and St. Hilda. This study tour will also feature two day-long pilgrimages: one to Croagh Patrick near the town of Westport and the other will be on the island of Iona.

As an educational experience, this highly interactive trip includes interesting lectures, pilgrimages and daily worship in the Celtic tradition. You will have the opportunity to see and experience places that previously were simply words on a map. These places will come alive as history unfolds itself before your eyes.

TOUR PRICE FROM TORONTO: \$3295 per person (based on double occupancy; add \$875 for single).

PRICE INCLUDES:

- > roundtrip charter air transportation
- > breakfast (B) and dinner (D) daily
- > transportation by touring coach
- > local touring and sightseeing as per itinerary
- > hotel accommodations

HOTEL STAYS: 3 nights Armagh, 2 nights Dublin, 3 nights Iona, 1 night Edinburgh, 2 nights Lindisfarne

Apply to the Registrar at Tyndale Seminary if you wish to receive academic credit for your participation in this tour. To make a reservation or to get further information: Contact David Sherbino at dsherbino@tyndale.ca or 416-226-6620 ext. 6741.



About the tour organizer Dr. David Sherbino: David Sherbino, Professor of Pastoral Ministries and Spiritual Formation at Tyndale Seminary, is also Minister of Cornerstone Community Church (PCC) in Kleinburg, Ontario.

How Best to Prepare Missional Leaders

“Missional” has become a Christian buzzword. An increasing number of churches self-identify with it. Many seminaries have adopted a missional approach to theological education. There is now an explosion of new books on this topic.

But what does it mean to be “missional”? To some, it is nothing more than a misguided fad. To others, it is a new Spirit-led church planting movement. To me, it is a lively church conversation to which we ought to pay attention, because it may have significant implications for pastors and ordinary Christians.

In this brief essay, I first draw a composite picture of missional leaders, and then discuss how we can best equip such leaders with the necessary skills.

WHAT IS A MISSIONAL LEADER?

To put it simply, a missional leader is one who is called by God and sent out to do what Jesus did when he was on earth (John 20:21). They proclaim the good news to the poor, heal the broken-hearted and set the captives free, wherever they go.

I know of a professional couple (the husband is a professor and the wife a medical doctor) who bought a “crack house” in a drug-infested area. They share the house with drug addicts in order to help set them free from their deadly bondage. Similarly, some Christian university graduates I know practice communal living in one of the worst

“We need thousands of graduates to spread the compassion and hope of Jesus Christ to a broken and needy world.”

neighbourhoods in order to minister to the poor and the disenfranchised. These are but a few examples of a new breed of missional leaders who put their lives on the line for God’s Kingdom. Young men and women, compelled by a passion for God’s mission and led by the Holy Spirit, dare to go where life happens and tragedy unfolds, worldwide.

WHAT ARE THE CHARACTERISTICS OF MISSIONAL LEADERS?

1. **They are Spirit-led.** They would rather obey God than human masters. They are not afraid to step out of bounds and live on the edge.
2. **People are more important than programs.** Missional leaders invest in other people’s lives and help develop them to be God’s instruments of grace. To them, nothing is more exciting than transforming lives. To be missional is more than to engage in an evangelistic or missionary program.
3. **They see the church differently.** The true nature of the church is the coming together of those called by God to share, celebrate and participate in extending God’s reign. They will go anywhere the unchurched people gather in order to share the good news.
4. **They are communal and relational.** They also understand that the true structure of the church is organic. Thus, it can be a house church, a simple church, a commune or any form of emerging church. Unlike churches that seek to attract consumers with programs and services, missional churches emphasize the voluntary discipline and shared blessings of belonging to an intimate community of both believers and seekers. Missional leaders work alongside people.
5. **They see themselves as ordinary people rather than professional clergy.** They consider

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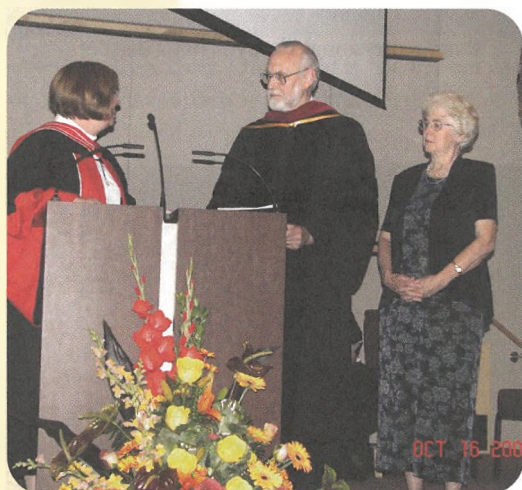
Snyder Installed as Wesley Studies Chair

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▲ Major Ronald B. Millar, Assistant Secretary for Personnel - Leadership Development in the Salvation Army (podium) leads in a prayer of dedication. Dr. Snyder and his wife Janice are joined by Tyndale president, Brian Stiller (right), faculty, administrators and representative leaders from the various denominations in the Wesleyan tradition.

“Seeing the words through a Wesleyan lens gives an expansive and audacious vision, a way of living out God’s plans for the world ... living in eager expectation of God’s full salvation,” commented Snyder.



▲ Dr. Janet Clark leads the commissioning liturgy before welcoming Howard and Janice Snyder to the Tyndale family.

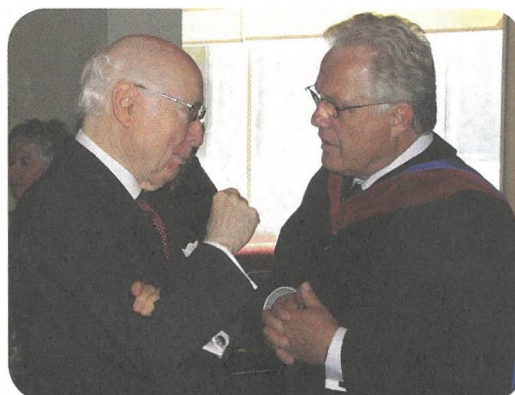
ORIGINS OF THE WESLEY STUDIES CHAIR

Since 1989, leaders of Wesleyan denominations, administrators and faculty of Wesleyan educational institutions have been meeting to discuss seminary education in Canada. Bishop Donald N. Bastian of the Free Methodist Church and President Neil Hightower of the Canadian Nazarene College were among those who shared common concerns for seminary training of Wesleyan-oriented ministers in Canada. Bishop Bastian envisioned a Wesley studies professorship at a Canadian trans-denominational seminary that would facilitate Wesleyanism becoming a worthy “dialogue-partner” alongside Baptist, Lutheran, Pentecostal, Reformed and among other Christian traditions.



▲ Rev. J.W. David McMaster of Timothy Eaton Memorial Church and Kathleen and Donald Bastian listen attentively at the installation ceremony.

In 1991, following talks with the Salvation Army, Bishop Bastian convened a meeting of leaders of the Brethren in Christ Canada, Free Methodist Church in Canada, Church of the Nazarene in Canada, Standard Church of America and Wesleyan Church of Canada and Salvation Army. The representatives agreed to commit to annual financial contributions from their respective denominations to establish a half-time Chair. Since then a capital campaign (currently at

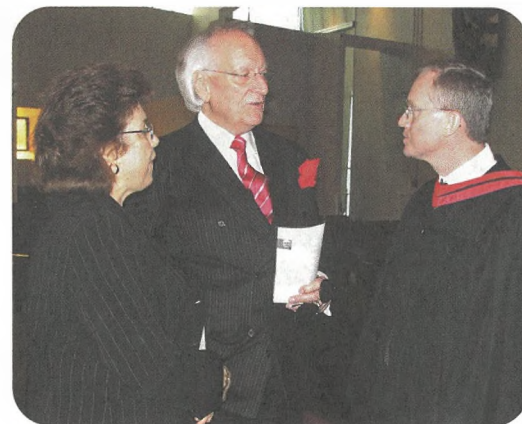


▲ Brian Stiller (right) greets Bishop Emeritus Donald Bastian.

Snyder’s seminal work, *The Problem of Wineskins* first published in 1975 influenced a generation of Christian leaders. More recently, his 2002 book *Decoding the Church* wonderfully exemplifies his capacity for taking complex ideas, unpacking them and helping us think about what they might look like in action. His concern for the mission of the Church is rich and nuanced, including a growing edge, creation care. His passions include the renewal of older institutional churches as well as a proactive engagement of future trends, the subject of his book, *Earth Currents: The Struggle for the World’s Soul*.

\$1.1 million) was undertaken to endow the Chair. The Bastian families have been significant donors. In addition, initial financial commitments of the denominational churches continue to this day.

From 1993 until 2004, Dr. Victor Shepherd held the position of Chair of Wesley Studies at Tyndale Seminary. At that time, he was also appointed as Professor of Systematic & Historical Theology.



▲ Dr. Wesley Mack (centre) and wife Peggy exchange thoughts with Rev. Lloyd Eyre, Committee Chair of Wesley Studies at Tyndale Seminary.

At the recent ceremony, Rev. Lloyd Eyre, Committee Chair of the Wesley Studies at Tyndale Seminary extended “grateful thanks to Bishop and Mrs. Bastian whose lives and influence in faithful Christian ministry over six decades will continue to be remembered as the ministry and teaching of John Wesley and the Wesleyan movement are linked with the Bastian Chair of Wesley Studies at Tyndale Seminary.”

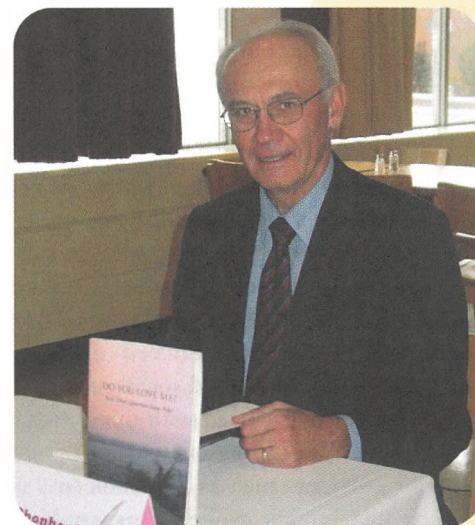
—Jacqueline Getfield is Managing Editor of *Connection and Director of Communication at Tyndale University College & Seminary.*

Seminary Professors Launch Four New Books

Tyndale celebrated with four seminary professors as their books were launched on October 10.

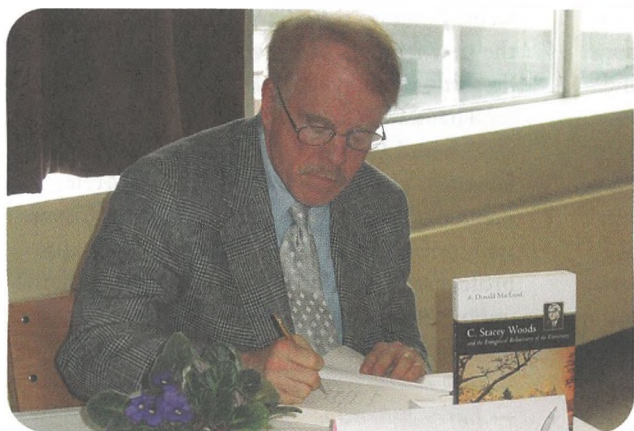
Do You Love Me? And Other Questions Jesus Asked (Clements, 2007) is a collection of sermons by Dr. Victor Shepherd, Professor of Systematic and Historical Theology. Shepherd notes, "... the first-time reader of the written gospels can't help noticing that Jesus never answers the question he's asked... Our Lord acts in this manner not because he disdains those who have come to him... he declines to answer... inasmuch as he knows it isn't the right question... He uses their questions as the occasion of his posing his question, the question they should have asked but couldn't."

Dr. Shepherd describes how Jesus used questions to redirect disciples into truth, so that we may understand its significance in our day-to-day lives.



C. Stacey Woods and the Evangelical Rediscovery of the University (IVP, 2007) written by Dr. A. Donald MacLeod, Research Professor of Church History, is the biography of "a moving force in evangelicalism." Woods, a founder of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship Canada and the first General-Secretary of IVCF-USA, succeeded in "challenging the anti-intellectualism of conservative American Christianity, encouraging an active engagement with the university...with the students, the faculty as well as the institution itself."

Dr. MacLeod presents a candid account of Woods, his weaknesses and extraordinary strengths and giftings as a leader. The book has been described as "well-researched, engaging, sympathetic and honest."

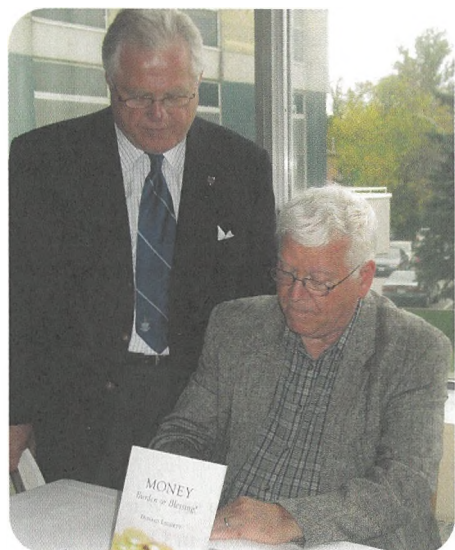


Luther as a Spiritual Advisor – an Interface of Theology and Piety in Luther's Devotional Writings (Paternoster 2007) is written by Dr. Dennis Ngien, Research Professor of Theology and Director of the ThM Program. This is Dr. Ngien's fourth scholarly monograph. It builds on his earlier monograph on Luther's understanding of the suffering of God. It aims to unfold the pastoral side of Martin Luther drawing on spiritual insights he offers to people of high and low estate. In this portrait of Luther's pastoral and devotional life we come to understand Luther in a deeper way as a theologian of the cross at work in the pastoral context. As one reviewer says, he shows us Luther up close.

A review of this book can be found in *Connection* (Fall 2007, page 23) at www.tyndale.ca/connection. It has also been reviewed in various academic presses.



Money: Burden or Blessing (Clements, 2007). Dr. Donald Leggett, Professor Emeritus of Old Testament, writes for a general audience as he explores the two sides of wealth and outlines means by which Christians can honour God with their wealth. He also examines the "prosperity gospel," which characterizes some North American evangelicalism, and which is also taking hold in Africa. Leggett argues that God, by His provisions, has made us wealthy.



All four titles are available at the Tyndale Bookstore.

Tyndale Launches New Alumni Web Site

> Your Personal Invitation To Our Launch Party

For years our alumni have asked us to help them find better ways to keep connected with each other and with Tyndale. Sometimes it's a difficult thing to do. The traditional way of getting together—during an event or at chapter meetings—is cumbersome. With alumni spread out over the globe, travel to alumni chapter meetings is close to impossible. With growth of web-based social networking, we discussed with our alumni the idea of using one of the popular providers such as Facebook to set up some Tyndale groups. This would allow access to those interesting new resources they have developed. For a number of reasons we didn't go ahead.

Last summer we decided to redevelop our current web site. The idea was to provide better communications and additional resources that our alumni could share in their day-to-day ministry and workplace. After approaching a leading software developer to do the programming, we were pleased to discover they were a Tyndale supporter. They offered to develop a new site, with all the features of a site such as Facebook, and administrative controls comparable to our own internal site, at "no cost" to us! After six months of designing a site boasting hundreds of new exciting features, we are ready to launch it.

This new site will act as a leading communication hub directly linking alumni to each other and to Tyndale. The plan is to have one of the most exciting and best-of-

class alumni web sites of any alumni association anywhere. Our new site resembles a Christian version of Facebook, but with even more features! It has all the "easy-to-use" features and "fun-to-use" resources of the current social networking sites, and all the extra features our alumni asked for.

In addition to our current site features (alumni yellow pages, alumni finder, address info, event notices, careers, etc.), the new site will allow us to connect those alumni groups with special interests to affinity networks or "specialty" chapters. Specialty chapters will allow alumni with common interests or program foci to share resources and communicate directly with each other.

Specialty chapters might include groups such as pastors, youth pastors, missionaries, leaders, denomination groups, ethnic groups, program groups (like business, philosophy, psychology, counseling etc), geographic locations or almost any specialty. Specialty grouping options are almost unlimited.

Once you are connected into a specialty chapter you will be able to connect and communicate through a robust peer group discussion board with each other, share or post your own resources, plan events, seminars or training, make your own announcements, contact each other as a group, and engage in a myriad of other

activities related to your focus. If you have ideas for a specialty chapter send them to us and we will look at organizing them for you.

The site will use the popular Facebook "personal profile" template. Alumni can easily update their own profile and contact information. Soon we will have the ability to transport your profile details directly from Facebook.

A document detailing all the new features and benefits is available to alumni on the current alumni site in a downloadable PDF or MSWord document format at www.tyndale/alumni/newsite.

We are asking all alumni members to check the alumni web site for instructions on how you can sign-on and set up your new profile today. We have some great Tyndale prizes to the first 100 people who sign up. As well, if you would like to join us here on campus, we are holding a "Website Launch Party" Friday April 4, 2008 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Our technical gurus will be here to help you step-by-step to set up a profile and discuss all the new features of the site. Beverages and dessert will be available.

The new Tyndale alumni web site will help the Alumni Relations Department to better serve our global membership by connecting members and affiliates through their chapters with resources, discussion groups, research, professional development and, most importantly, with each other.

Keeping You Connected! That's our job.

— Larry Willard is VP of Alumni Relations and Corporate Communications.

Rave Reviews for Alumni BBQ

A little rain didn't stop Tyndale alumni and their families from catching up with old friends, making new friends and viewing the new Bayview campus. One young boy exclaimed, "This is the best day in my life. I never want to leave Tyndale!" Although the free cotton candy and snow cones might have had something to do with his comment, there are many more reasons why the 2007 Tyndale Alumni BBQ was an event to remember.

Sponsored by Deeks Insurance, there was an array of tasty carnival treats and delicious flame-broiled hotdogs, hamburgers, veggie burgers, chicken burgers and a \$100 gas gift certificate for one lucky winner.

The day started at the Tyndale campus with a mix of old and new gospel music by the Charlene Henry Band. Soon after, the newly formed Addison Drive took the stage to provide their own interpretation of Christian pop/punk music. The Caribbean inspired reggae mix of Evangelist

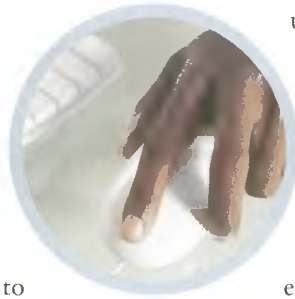
International with special guest Dale the steel pan drummer closed out the music for the fun-filled day.

The final event was a trip to view the magnificent Bayview campus chapel. "The new chapel is a sanctuary for worship and sets the tone for an ongoing prayerful experience," says Hazel Sweet (Dipl. '49). It will be an experience to be shared not only among this generation of students but also within the larger community. The new Tyndale will be growing, evolving and spreading the gospel in the larger community around it, while still offering a high quality education.

The Tyndale alumni serve as a continuing reminder of the amazing talents

God has given each of His children. The Alumni BBQ was a great opportunity for fellowship, prayer and mutual encouragement. Thanks to all who attended and prayed for this fellowship; they made the event into the success that it was. We rejoice in God's goodness!

We hope to see you all at Homecoming in October 2008.



A Journey toward Faithful Obedience

This is the story of how Cassandra Irving, MTS Modular 2003, discerned God's call to a radically different lifestyle.

What is the good life? Cars, money or good health? Cassandra Irving was a stay-at-home mother with a big house and two cars in a new GTA subdivision. Although North American culture may suggest that she had "the good life," Irving would sit in her living room thinking "is this all life is about?"

While attending Tyndale, she began to discover some answers. She gained a new perspective as she studied the ancient Church. Irving states, "Over my four years at Tyndale, God made it clear to me that in order to truly lead people I must serve them, and in order to truly serve them, I must live among them. This idea she learned "from my readings in scripture, Dennis Ngien and his teaching on the suffering of God, Donald Goertz and his teaching on early church history, reading autobiographies of missionary Rosalind Goforth and being a part of a family."

Her decision to try a radically different lifestyle was not an easy one. Giving up her "white picket fence" world felt like relinquishing control. Still, she felt that God was calling her to a communal lifestyle, with her husband Mike (high school teacher and basketball coach), their three young children and friend Anna Gould (who is an elementary school teacher). She comments, "I think, for me, God had to free me of certain expectations that I had of what it means to be a Christian or to live a 'good Christian life'."

Irving says that this is simply a part of her faith journey. "We had to answer the prophetic call of Haggai to forsake building our house in order to build the Lord's. Letting go of all the things that our culture defines as the "good



Photograph provided by Lisa Vigliotta

▲ Cassandra Irving and family.

life" was like a slow death. We found out fast that we had bought into our world's definition of freedom and fulfillment more than we realized," says Irving. "In the end, we were so enamoured with who God was showing us He is and what the good life way back in Genesis was really all about, that all the stuff we would have to risk—jobs, lifestyle, goals, relationships, reputations, RRSPs, nice schools and safe neighborhoods for our kids—stopped feeling like a sacrifice and started feeling more like an adventure, a surreal act of consecration that was a secret escape route to freedom."

Irving now considers herself a missionary, and finds her life more fulfilling. She has experienced joy and spiritual growth. Her opportunities for evangelism include "the conversations [people] start with me at the local coffee shop." She speaks of "this one bench in our village where mountain bikers rest, homeless people sit, mothers chat, and business owners make deals on cell phones. [It is a space that] hosts a whole spectrum of people. It's the kind of place I think Jesus would be, because on any given day, he

would encounter the really rich or the down-and-out in the same spot."

Being an academic and a Type A personality, Cassandra had trouble letting go of her independence and her desire to control. She had to learn to rely on the authority of God's word and to let God completely control every aspect of her life—even finding a house to live in. Both Irving's husband and their friend and house-mate, Anna, work with the youth in their community and in their local church. With three young children, Irving states that it is easy for our culture to voice concerns and see irresponsibility in their new lifestyle. She is quick to point out that her children are involved in every decision they make and have insights beyond their years. They have passionate faith. They've learned the power of sharing, loving and asking God to provide.

Irving has also seen that God surprises the doubters, those who are critical of her lifestyle, by providing what they need just in time. In meeting together at least once a week to read scripture and have discerning prayer, they have experienced God's voice in very inspiring ways—even in dreams and visions. Irving says, "If you are willing, the Spirit will lead you in many new and exciting ways."

This is Cassandra Irving's sense of God's call, and she does not hold up her lifestyle change as suitable for everyone. From Irving's story, we glean that our common goal as a Christian community is being faithful to God's call. We discern His will through prayer and an attitude of humble obedience. This is part of Cassandra's journey toward faithful obedience.

HONEYMAN LECTURES 2008

PROFESSOR MARGARET SOMERVILLE

MARCH 4, 2008

11:45 a.m.–12:45 p.m.

7:30 p.m.–9:00 p.m.

Public is invited.



The lectures this year will take the format of Q&A periods. President Brian Stiller will facilitate dialogue with Professor Somerville at the Tuesday community chapel from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Provost Earl Davey will moderate at the community event that follows starting at 7:30 p.m.

Margaret Somerville is an internationally renowned figure and one of Canada's leading spokespersons on ethical aspects of science and social issues. She holds professorships in both the Faculty of Law and the Faculty of Medicine at McGill University and was the founding director of the McGill Centre for Medicine, Ethics and Law. She has been active in the worldwide development of bioethics and in the study of the wider legal and ethical aspects of medicine and science.

Alumni Updates

Dr. Cheryl Belch, MTS 1987 has been working as the Director of Counselling Services at Heritage College and Seminary in Cambridge, Ontario. In May 2007 she graduated with a DMin in Marriage and Family from Palmer Theological Seminary (Eastern University in Philadelphia). She now holds a full-time faculty position in the area of Family Life Education at Heritage. She is also a counselling consultant.

Dr. Stewart Brown, MTS 1985 is engaged in pastoral ministry and in a wider itinerant ministry of teaching and training. Stewart created a brand new resource for churches or groups called "The Transforming Power of Intentional Encouragement," which has been shown on *It's a New Day*.

Kathy Casement, BRE 1982 and husband Dave are happy to announce the marriage of their daughter Erika to Eric Forbes on May 20. God's blessings to Erika and Eric.



Brian and Linda Crawford, BTh 1982 and BRE 1981, respectively returned home from Thailand. Please pray for rest, rejuvenation, and spiritual renewal as they get used to life in North America.

Kunjumon Daniel, MDiv 2000 has seen God do some amazing things in his life and ministry. The month of July was exceptionally great with the marriage of his daughter; and him becoming a grandpa for the first time, thanks to his son and daughter-in-law. He hosted the 11th Assemblies of God India Fellowship of North America in Toronto from July 26 to 29. The second edition of his book *My Faith Life* was published during that conference. He is a pastor of Full Gospel Assembly of God,

where they are also experiencing many wonderful things. God willing, he will travel to India to open a Bible school in Wayanad, Kerala and develop a farm. Please keep Pastor Daniel in your prayers.

Sharon Edwards, MDiv 2007 received her local license with Anchor Ministerial and is working with the International School of Ministry at her church The Dream Centre, an affiliate of PAOC in Burk's Falls, Ontario. God has opened a door for her to travel to Israel next month and she is very excited.

Mark Hauch, BRE 2007 has been hired on at Metropolitan Bible Church in Ottawa as their Jr. High Youth Pastor. May God bless Mark on his new employment.

Hyon Kim, MTS 2005 and husband Peter Chu are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter Charlotte Eun Young Chu, born May 17, 2007. Praise be to God for a baby growing in stature and personality day by day.



Norm Leduc, BTh 1984 is back in North America. He and his wife were missionaries in France with Arab World Ministries for many years. In the spring, they relocated to Philadelphia, USA where Norm now serves as Associate Director for AWM.

Inrani Liladrie, BRE 2005 has been blessed to receive employment with the Canadian Mental Health Association (Peel Branch) as a case manager for the Access to Recovery Program. The program assists mentally ill residents to live successfully in the community.

Robert Lyon, BTh 1964 now teaches introductory theology to an adult class at St George's Reformed Episcopal Church in Hamilton, Ontario. Recently, he spent eight months teaching theology to lay ministers in the Diocese of Belize. In 2003 he published *The Sign of Jonah: An Empirical Approach to Christian Apologetics*. Other careers, over the years, have included public education and another in the Canadian Forces.

Winnie Manu, MDiv 2006 was ordained by the Canadian Evangelical Christian Churches on Saturday, October 27. We pray that God will continue to bless Winnie as she continues on her journey.

Jane Anne Murray, BRE 1976 was vice-president of her graduating class. For 28 years she has been practising marriage and family therapy. Jane Anne also has a global distribution company of natural health and wellness products.

Tom and Ruth (nee Walden) Oliver, BRE 1979 and BRE 1975, respectively are on the move again. Tom began ministry with Scott Mission Camp in Caledon, Ontario in 2007. They are now living on site and overseeing the daily activities of camp maintenance. In addition to the almost 600 campers that made up the eight weeks of summer camp, there are retreats, reunions, family and church events throughout the winter months. This new and exciting opportunity comes after a year's sabbatical from Lifetalk Ministries, where they spent three years. Previously, they spent almost seven years in Kenya and six years in Development Ministries with AIM Canada. They are thankful for God's timing and direction.

Carolyn and Neil Rampel, BRE 1964 and BTh 1963, respectively Carolyn is involved at church and the Crisis Pregnancy Center. Neil preaches in area churches and represents Greater Europe Mission at colleges in Manitoba and Saskatchewan. Pray that God will use them to extend His Kingdom at home and in Europe. Pray also that the Lord will direct them concerning involvement in teams during 2008.

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Staying In-Touch

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

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

Tim and Colleen Stevens, BRS '98 and Dipl. 1997, respectively celebrated their fifth wedding anniversary on September 28, 2007. They have two children, Christopher and Andrew. They also offer friendship to international students in Toronto through ISMC.

Harold and Fern Stouffer, BRE 1973 and BRE 1977, respectively celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on September 25, 2007. The couple shared the wonderful event with family earlier in the month. They are currently living in Bradford with their daughter, Heidi.



Walter Winger, BTh 1960 is currently an associate in preaching with the Presbyterian churches of Sundridge, Burk's Falls and Magnetawan, Ontario. Some of his duties include hospital visitation and counselling. He also serves as the Padre to Burk's Falls branch of the Royal Canadian Legion. He has recently relocated to the Village of Magnetawan.

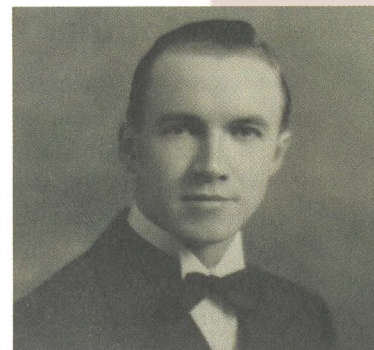
In Memoriam

William (Bill) Buikema, BRE 1969 passed away from colon cancer on July 10, 2007 in Duncan, B.C. His fields of service to the Lord included missionary in Brazil, pastorates in St. Thomas, Ontario (Edward St. Baptist Church) and Emerson Baptist Church, Emerson, Manitoba. He also worked with developmentally delayed and autistic children and adults in group homes and schools, and as a foster parent. He had a

special knack for managing the behaviour of autistic persons. He is survived by his wife Marilyn (1967 grad). He passed his Christian heritage on to five children and four grandsons. "His name is written in the Lamb's Book of Life" (Revelation 21:27).

Albert Elmer Hobbs graduated from OBC in 1942. He passed into the arms of his heavenly father October 2007. In 1936, through the ministry of Rev. Thomas, he came to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. Conscious of his need for further Biblical teaching, he began classes at Toronto Bible College. He graduated from the evening class in 1940 and from the day class in 1942. After further studies at Missionary Health Institute he joined the Friends' Ambulance Unit (Quakers). He worked in Calcutta with the cholera immunization program. He also served in China

during WW II, teaching bible studies in the hospitals and assisting Dr. Robert McClure as an anesthetist. Shortly after his return to Toronto, at the college picnic he met Hattie Huebner, a 1948 graduate. The two were married in 1949. They were blessed with four children, Roy, Esther (Phillips), David and Jim. Elmer left his career as Executive Chef at the Toronto Club and sold real estate for over 30 years. Hattie has requested that memorial donations be given to the Foundation of Tyndale University College.



Pass it On

Is there an issue that you feel passionate about? Well then it's time to speak up and be heard. Write a 500-word or less article for *Connection*. We welcome point of view articles that reflect on the relationship between faith and culture, faith and life, and explore what it means to be a Christian. Send in your submissions to alumni@tyndale.ca. Please note, all submissions are subject to editorial discretion.

Why I Like C. S. Lewis

When I get to heaven I expect to see Jesus and the saints. And right up there on the list of must-see people will be C. S. Lewis. I owe him a great debt of gratitude. I began university in the fall of 1970 while in a state of rebellion against God. I dated agnosticism and flirted with atheism during that period. I didn't think one could be a thinking person and a believing Christian at the same time. I thought faith was for soft heads and sentimental hearts.

I confess to reading most everything he wrote but several of his books I reread time and again. I am never far away from *Mere Christianity*. I know several parts of it by heart and probably quote Lewis more than other writer, except St. Paul. *The Chronicles of Narnia* are still a delight to read. *Miracles*, *The Problem of Pain*, *The Great Divorce*, *A Grief Observed*, and *The Screwtape Letters* are among my favorites. Lewis doesn't do all my thinking for me on all subjects. There are parts of him I prefer less than others. I lean more towards some teaching about which he was hesitant and he made more room for some ideas than I might. However, he protected and nurtured me during the early stages of my spiritual journey. He provided the intellectual stimulus that was lacking in my background.

Many people have been directed to, if not led to, Christ by reading Lewis. Many

doubters have come to a stronger faith position by reading his works. I collect used copies of *Mere Christianity* to give away "like gospel tracts" to inquiring young adults with God questions.

I like Lewis's humility. He doesn't bully you. He is gentle with his strength of argument. He is the master of metaphor and imagery. He makes you feel as if you are growing up as you read. You tend to believe with him and think along with him "as if it is all so clear now." When I was learning how to write as a child, my father would place his hand over mine and guide me. Eventually, I could do it alone. Reading Lewis is as if his mind were placed over yours guiding you as you think. By the time you've finished, his thoughts have become your own.

One must not park on *Mere Christianity* or assume that having read C. S. Lewis one now has the whole of the faith neatly tucked away. But Lewis demonstrates that one can be a seriously thinking adult and still believe passionately in Christ. I like that about him. I like it very much.

—Dr. Garry E. Milley, MTS 1985 is currently the Lead Pastor at Park Avenue Pentecostal Church in Mount Pearl, Newfoundland. He is also an adjunct professor at Tyndale Seminary.

Alumni





Calling all 1958 Golden Milers...

Are you from the Class of 1958? If so, then this is your year to celebrate 50 years of graduation with the Class of 2008. To commemorate this special event, we are making a keepsake full of all your memories, photos and letters. Send in your letters and/or photos to Elizabeth Sweet (Alumni Coordinator): alumni@tyndale.ca or 25 Ballyconnor Court, Toronto, ON M2M 4B3.

MTS Modular M9 Class – Fourth Reunion

On July 14, 2007, Kaarina Hsieh with seven M9ers and family met together in Claremont at the home of Michael and Sharon Broomer. It was an afternoon of good stories, good food and good fellowship for our 4th annual class reunion. A special appearance by Elie Haddad and his wife Mireille, all the way from Beirut, was a special blessing for us.

Elie is Provost at Arab Baptist Theological Seminary in Beirut. He has challenged M9 to have their 5th annual reunion in Beirut next summer. The M9ers are working on the possibility. There may be other Tyndale alumni that may want to join us. We will keep you posted.

We would encourage other Tyndale class groups to make reunions a part of their class life. It is a gift that keeps on giving. Celebrate life, celebrate learning, and celebrate what the Lord is doing in your life. We do and we love it. Special thanks to Billie Ang who keeps pushing us to make this event a priority.

—Lou Geense, MTS Modular 2003

RA Alumni Floor Hockey Challenge 2008

Saturday, March 15, 2008

Tyndale University College
& Seminary Gymnasium

Schedule:

1:00 pm Women's Game
3:00 pm Men's Game
5:00 pm Pizza & Pop (FREE)

For more information contact

Sharolyn McLeod (smcleod@tyndale.ca)

All alumni are invited to come, cheer on your friends AND join us for pizza after the games. See you there!

Child care will be provided for those participating in the games during times for toddler age and up.

Distinguished Alumni

We are accepting nominations from university college and seminary alumni for the Distinguished Alumni award, which will be presented on May 10, 2008. There will be two candidates chosen: one from the university college and one from the seminary.

If you know an alumnus who has made an impact on those around him/her, please send in the name of the nominee and a brief explanation of your nomination to Elizabeth Sweet in the alumni office. Faculty at the university college and seminary and an alumni representative will vote on the finalists.

Your nomination submission should include

- 1) Nominees' name
- 2) Reasons for nomination
- 3) Your (nominator) name and contact information such as your email address, mailing address and daytime and/or evening telephone number.

> Please submit all nominations to the Alumni Office (alumni@tyndale.ca) no later than January 30, 2008.

Alumni to Alumni

Paul writes in Philemon 1:6-7, "I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ. Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the saints."

We are always amazed at the talent that God has grown in our graduates. We pray that you will be refreshed by the encouragement of your fellow alumni.

Where I find Joy

*What in life could bring more joy,
Than thinking of our baby boy?
He's growing fast; he's past us all,
As he is now over six feet tall.*

*Our second child, a girl, brings joy,
To friends, our family, our boy.
A princess to her father's heart,
A sleeping angel, a child of art.*

*My children playing their piano well,
Getting good grades and an argument's quell.
My children jumping and laughing and playing,
And when I hear my children praying.*

*The children of my Grade two class,
The boisterous boy, the shy dear lass.
Teaching them through story and song,
Seeing how far they've come along.*

*When I review the lesson taught,
And know its meaning has been caught.
When a student hides God's Word in their heart,
So I know from their minds it never will part.*

*Knowing I'll see my loved ones in Heaven,
My uncle, my aunt, the child of eleven.
My sister, my father, my grandma, my cousin,
My grandpa, my great-aunt and friends by the dozen.*

*When at church we're congregational singing,
Or when I hear the church bells ringing.
The mixed octet, the whole church choir,
The men's quintet sets my soul afire.*

*The Pastor preaching from the Word,
'Tis then I know God's voice I've heard.
For life is joy and joy spreads love,
When you know it comes from God above.*

—Grace Harrison Barkwell, OBC 1981

ABOUT GRACE:

Grace Barkwell became a Christian at the young age of five and was baptized at the age of 13. She graduated from Ontario Bible College in 1981. While doing her internship at camp, she met her husband. They were married in 1985 and had two children. The whole family is very active in the Pioneer Girls/Boys Brigade at their church. Grace has written an episode in a published fantasy adventure book *The Quest: Alliance*. Most recently, thanks to many prayers and surgery, Grace is a cancer survivor.

Tax Matters

HOW POSTSECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS CAN EASE THE COST PAIN.

If there was ever justification for higher education, it's found in the story of Sarah Zabolotny.

Ms. Zabolotny was in court in Buckhannon, W. Va., in March to deal with a speeding ticket. On the way out, she took a liking to an eight-foot rug on the floor of the courthouse, so she rolled it up and walked out the door. She was caught on surveillance video and was later charged with petty larceny. She pleaded guilty in court and was sentenced to five days in jail.

Not exactly the smartest theft in the world. This is precisely the type of thing that postsecondary education is designed to fix. No, I'm, not talking about learning how to steal, but how to think. So, now that you're convinced your child needs an education, let's talk about 10 smart strategies for students.

1. **Withholding tax.** If your child expects to pay no tax, because of his low income, he should ensure that no withholding tax is deducted from his pay. This can be done by completing form TD1 for his employer. This improves cash flow because your child won't have to wait until April to get a refund of the tax paid.
2. **Scholarships and so on.** Proposals in the 2006 federal budget made scholarships, fellowships and bursaries tax free. Be sure

your child doesn't report these amounts as taxable, as in the past.

3. **Research grants.** To offset research grants, which are taxable, you can deduct expenses for travel, lodging and fees paid to assistants.
4. **Tuition and education credits.** Be sure your child obtains form T2202 or T2202A from the school. This will entitle her to a tax credit for tuition and an education amount equal to \$400 a month of full-time attendance in school or \$120 for part-time. If your child doesn't need the credits to reduce taxes to zero, she can transfer up to \$5,000 of these amounts to a supporting spouse, parent or grandparent, or she can carry them forward for use in a later year.
5. **Ancillary costs.** A tax credit for books, student fees, parking and equipment is now available (new in 2006), based on \$65 a month for full-time or \$20 a month for part-time.

6. **Student loan interest.** Make sure your child claims a tax credit for interest paid on qualifying student loans. An official Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) slip should be issued to support the claim.
7. **Moving expenses.** Your child can claim certain moving expenses if the move to school, or home again, is at least 40 kilometres. The deduction will be limited to the income earned in the new location, which can include taxable research grants, employment, and so on. So, a part-time job at school may be a good idea to enable this deduction.
8. **RRSP deductions.** It will be smart for your child to file a tax return if he had any earned income at all, even if he won't owe tax. This will create contribution room for a registered retirement savings plan, which can be used in later years to save tax. If your child does contribute to an RRSP, he can save the deduction for a future year when his income is higher.
9. **Child care costs.** A student (or his spouse) may be entitled to claim a child care deduction where at least one spouse attends school full-time or part-time.
10. **Rent costs.** Ontario and Manitoba offer refundable property tax credits for rent paid, and Quebec provides a property tax refund, which is similar.

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



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President's DINNER 2008



TYNDALE
University College & Seminary

The Board of Governors and President of Tyndale University College & Seminary invite you to the 2007 President's Dinner.



Special Guest Speaker:

Philip Yancey

Date: March 11, 2008
Time: Reception 6:00 p.m., Dinner 6:30 p.m.
Place: Le Parc Conference & Banquet Centre
8432 Leslie Street, Richmond Hill
(SW corner of Hwy. #7 and Leslie St.)
Cost: \$50/person or \$400/table

Philip Yancey is one of the most renowned Christian thinkers and authors of our generation. He has earned prestigious recognition for his work including Christian Book of the Year, 12 Gold Medallion awards, and several Silver Medallion awards. His books include *The Jesus I Never Knew* (1995), *What's So Amazing About Grace?* (1998), and *Prayer: Does It Make Any Difference?* (2007). Philip also serves as Editor-at-Large for *Christianity Today* magazine.

How Best to Prepare...

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themselves as bond-slaves saved to serve the Lord; stewards called to co-create something beautiful in the midst of human misery.

6. **Every ordinary believer can become a missional leader.** Whoever listens to God and obeys God's calling can become a missional leader. Every Christian should have a role in God's mission. With the help and support from the community, ordinary believers can do something meaningful and significant for God's kingdom.
7. **They are incarnational rather than promotional.** They think missionally and live incarnationally on a daily basis. They are more committed to bearing the image of Christ than promoting church programs.
8. **They emphasize charity and authenticity.** To them, genuine spirituality is to live out the gospel consistently rather than accumulating a large bank of biblical knowledge.

WHAT SKILLS ARE ESSENTIAL TO MISSIONAL LEADERS?

According to the missional approach, theological sophistication is no substitute for compassion. Biblical literacy is no substitute for biblical efficacy. Doctrinal orthodoxy is no substitute for moral purity. Academic credentials are no substitute for spiritual character.

Theological minimalism may be an asset rather than a liability in indigenous churches in developing countries, where the demonstration of God's love, power and purpose is far more compelling than biblical erudition and theological knowledge. The first century followers of Jesus were able to turn the world upside down "not by might, not by power, but by my Spirit" (Zach 4:6).

In addition to traditional biblical/theological training, missional leaders need to develop the following competencies in order to become a positive force of change.

1. The ability to make good decisions in ambiguous and complex situations. Most of the time, we do not have all the information but we are called to make rational decisions. We need to learn how to intuit based on sanctified wisdom.
2. The ability and courage to venture into uncharted territories and initiate new ministries. There are still many unreached peoples and innovative methods to spread the Gospel. We need to develop the entrepreneurial skills and instincts to seize every opportunity for missional activity in developed and developing countries.
3. The ability to cooperate and lead in the face of different opinions and even opposition. There is no challenge to leadership if everybody agrees with you. Working in a fluid organic community without a clear organizational structure, we need humility, open-mindedness and emotional stability. A liberal arts education will broaden our understanding, teach us to look at the world with a wide lens, think clearly, and resolve problems rationally.
4. The ability to get things done in spite of limited resources and numerous obstacles. Worse still, when we build a wall, other Christians may well knock it down in order to protect 'their' territory. Such obstacles should not deter us from completing our assignment from God. When God says yes, no one can stop us.
5. The capacity to grow spiritually and psychologically by walking with Christ and serving Him daily in spite of opposition and setbacks. In fact, most of the growth takes place in the darkest hours of suffering.

MISSIONAL LEADERS IN THE POST-MODERN WORLD

A radical shakeup of the world order is in the making. How do we prepare missional leaders in a post-modern society for an uncertain future?

Missional leadership will not evolve simply through classroom instructions in Bible, Theology,

Hermeneutics, Church History and other academic subjects. It can only be incubated in a missional milieu through modelling and learning from world-ministry experiences. Academic knowledge alone breeds hubris, but dependence on the Holy Spirit breeds humility and charity.

St. Francis of Assisi was right on target when he said, "Preach the Gospel at all times and when necessary use words." God intends us to be open epistles and bearers of the image of Christ. Unless Christ shines through us, no amount of Bible and theological knowledge will do much good.

CONCLUSION

God's mission does not change. It originates in God's very nature. However, the methodology and strategy to extend God's reign to every culture must change with the times.

According to The Barna Research Group, a quiet revolution is already underway. Within 20 years, it projects that about 70% of Christians will be meeting at homes and in various types of emerging churches. How do we minister to this growing group of non-traditional Christians?

Toronto Bible College used to be in the vanguard of training foreign missionaries. Today, Tyndale University College & Seminary can once again lead in the training of missional leaders. The challenge before us is to find innovative ways to train all qualified students to be missional leaders regardless of their vocation or profession. We need thousands of graduates to spread the compassion and hope of Jesus Christ to a broken and needy world.

CHANGE IS INEVITABLE AND MISSION IS INESCAPABLE:

The current missional movement is buoyed by these two realities. If we dare to embrace change and participate in the continuous stream of God's mission, we will grow and multiply with unlimited opportunities.

—Paul T. P. Wong, Professor of Psychology, is also Chair of the Division of Social Sciences and Business Administration at Tyndale University College.

Introducing the new Tyndale Counselling Society

Attention all MDiv in Counselling students and graduates! We are excited to announce the formation of the Tyndale Seminary Counselling Society. The Society is a place for Tyndale counsellors and would-be counsellors to come together and share their professional experiences. As the therapy field is constantly evolving, there is always a need for ongoing professional development and support. One key goal is to keep current and well-connected to the therapy community at large. We recognize the value of professional collaboration among those who are currently practising. We also see the clear need for students in the counselling program to have networking opportunities with professionals in the field, and to learn from their knowledge and expertise. The Society aims to create

opportunities to fulfil all these needs.

Guest speakers will offer insights into various aspects of the profession from invaluable personal perspectives. At our first meeting on November 21, David Klauke, MDiv, RMFT, spoke on the world of private practice, including sound advice on the do's and don'ts of the business side of things. We look forward to having more guest speakers in the future. Keep an eye out for our announcements!

Ben Porter, Chairman of the Tyndale Seminary Counselling Society, says, "The Society aims to help fellow Christian counsellors and therapists make connections, grow together in knowledge, and have a place to reflect and question various issues." If you would like to get involved, or would like more information on the Society, please contact Ben at ayi_porter@hotmail.com. Also, be sure to search for our group on Facebook.

2007 Babies

Congratulations on your new baby:

- > Deepa Varki, Director, Human Resources, and her husband Alex
- > Scott Veenliet, Assistant Professor, Psychology, and his wife Melissa
- > Victor Degriarev, Network Support Specialist, and his wife Eugenia

2007 Weddings

Congratulations on your marriage:

- > Sam Chang, Manager of Hospitality Services
- > Tina Kim, Admin. Assistant to the Academic Dean, Seminary
- > Mark Lubberts, Maintenance Associate
- > Scott Masson, Associate Professor, English

Great Themes in Puritan Preaching

In his book *A Quest for Godliness: The Puritan Vision of the Christian Life*, Regent College's J.I. Packer has remarked that the English Puritans are like the giant Redwood trees found on the northern California coastline. Massive, lofty, and resilient, they dwarf everything around them.

Di Gangi's book confirms Packer's assessment. It is by hearing and heeding the Puritan giants that we are equipped for the struggles that beset the church in our era and haunt God's people in any era. If the range of our theological vision is greater than theirs, it is only because we stand on their shoulders. It is only as we learn in their school and obey the Fifth Commandment (to honour our theological parents) that we are permitted to improve upon our teachers.

Showing, everywhere, his debt to the Puritan understanding of theology and the Christian life (not to mention his love for his theological mentors), Di Gangi has concentrated the distillate of Puritan wisdom concerning the grand themes that exercised the Precisionists (as Puritans were first called). These are scripture, justification, repentance, regeneration, assurance, the Trinity, and the Munus Triplex (Christ's threefold office as prophet, priest and king). Always aware of the Puritan passion for glorifying God in the course of life's ordinariness, Di Gangi enlarges the characteristic Puritan approaches to guilt, spiritual conflict, and family life. And lest anyone ignorantly thinks the Puritan movement to be a semi-sect on the fringe of the church, Di Gangi is at pains to highlight the catholicity of the Puritans (catholicity consisting of gospel-identity plus the church's universality). In regard to Puritan catholicity one chapter expounds Puritan conviction concerning the Lord's Supper as God-appointed means of grace—and expands judiciously the Puritan insistence that the Word rendered visible (the sacraments) is always subordinated to the Word rendered audible (the sermon) and both alike to the Word written

(scripture). The book concludes with a chapter on the Puritans' characteristic gaze, unflinching but not grim, on the coming Judgement. The awareness of it kept Puritan discipleship serious but never joyless.

Admitting that some Puritan writing is prolix if not turgid, Di Gangi has helped first-time readers by smoothing out 17th Century English that would otherwise render inaccessible the 'doctors' they need most.

Reading this book found me returning to Puritan volumes I had read years ago and reviewing characteristic Puritan 'zingers': aphorisms that laser themselves into our

"Who, after all, could forget Thomas Watson's "Christ is never loved 'til sin be loathed"



minds and glue themselves to our hearts. Who, after all, could forget Thomas Watson's "Christ is never loved 'til sin be loathed" or "Either you will weep with Peter or you will weep like Judas"?

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—Victor Shepherd is Professor of Systematic and Historical Theology at Tyndale Seminary

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2008

JANUARY

- Jan. 15 University Encounter Day
- Jan. 27 Chinese New Year's Celebration at Logos Baptist Church

FEBRUARY

- Feb. 2 ACSI Board Administrators Conference at Tyndale
- Feb. 15-16 Tyndale Educators Forum at Tyndale
- Feb. 19 University Encounter Day
- Feb. 29 Ottawa Promise Keepers
- March 1

MARCH

- March 4 Honeyman Lectures at Tyndale. Speaker: Margaret Somerville
- March 6-8 MissionFest Toronto
- March 11 President's Dinner 2008
- March 25 University Encounter Day

APRIL

- April 4-5 St. Thomas Promise Keepers
- April 5 University and Seminary Open House
- April 26 ACSI Conference at Tyndale

MAY

- May 2-3 Girls Heart Point Conference at U of Waterloo
- May 3 Chinese Pastors Conference at Tyndale
- May 4 Commissioning Service for Chinese Graduates 2008 at Sisters of St. Joseph
- May 4 20th Anniversary Hudson Taylor Centre Banquet at Century Palace Chinese Restaurant
- May 10 Tyndale Graduation Ceremony at Queensway Cathedral

Our Students Speak

Why did you choose Tyndale Seminary?

"Even though I had been a Christian for years, I felt my career as a counsellor and my Christian beliefs and practice were separated. I wanted the opportunity to take a break from work and reflect on my practice and integrate the two of them." —PAUL CLARK '08, MDIV COUNSELLING

"I came to seminary after my undergraduate studies at the University of Toronto to further equip myself to serve the Church and to work out God's call upon my life. I chose Tyndale because I wanted to learn in an evangelical and transdenominational community. I desired a fresh and dynamic setting in which to be inspired and that is exactly what I have found." —SUSAN LEE '09, MDIV SPIRITUAL FORMATION

"...I was interested in pursuing a counselling program as well as theological studies; thus, Tyndale's MDiv program was very appealing to me." —ROSEMARIE BENGTTSSON '08, MDIV COUNSELLING

"...I have always sensed a call to full-time vocational ministry. The reason I chose Tyndale was because I sensed it had both a strong evangelical and academic setting for theological studies." —JOSH SAMUEL '09, THM HISTORICAL THEOLOGY

"After completing my BA in the United States, I wanted to pursue the next phase of my education in Canada. Also, I was drawn to the transdenominational structure of the school." —JESSICA SHARPE '08, MTS CHRISTIAN FORMATIONS



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How has Tyndale Seminary formed you to participate in the Mission of God?

"... Tyndale has provided a good foundation for the continuation of my studies and my future desire to counsel trauma victims in war-afflicted countries." —CAROL FUENTES '08, MDIV COUNSELLING

"... I have truly come to value the small class sizes at Tyndale and the volume of interaction between professors and students. I have grown tremendously in not only academics, but also in my faith and theological understanding... I believe Tyndale is greatly preparing me for both my future ministry and vocational calling." —ROSEMARIE BENGTTSSON '08, MDIV COUNSELLING

"[Tyndale has] prepared me incredibly. My courses are very practical. They integrate theology and ministry in the real world." —JEFF ABRAHAM '08, MDIV PASTORAL MINISTRY, and PRESIDENT OF THE TYNDALE SEMINARY STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

What is your favourite aspect of the Tyndale community?

"The special events planned by student council (nothing like a hot soup on a cold day!), and the mid- and end-year banquets will always be remembered as great times of celebration." —CAROL FUENTES '08, MDIV COUNSELLING

"The most rewarding part is being able to see [...] students more involved in the school; students excited about prayer after a prayer retreat and seeing growth within students and professors lives." —JEFF ABRAHAM '08, MDIV PASTORAL MINISTRY, STUDENT ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

Faculty & Staff Notes



Dr. Elaine Becker, Director of the Degree Completion Program (university), is also the Vice-President of North American Professors of Christian Education (NAPCE). From October 18 to 20, she led the annual NAPCE conference in San Jose, California. The conference theme was "Equipping the Whole Person for Ministry."



Dr. James Beverley, Professor of Christian Thought and Ethics (seminary), taught at a missions conference in Panama in May and gave two lectures at an international conference on new religions in Bordeaux, France in June. He also completed three articles for Charisma magazine (on the new atheism, *The Secret*, and Kabbalah). He is involved in a major investigation of controversy surrounding British philosopher Antony Flew and his abandonment of atheism.



Dr. Richard Davis, Associate Professor (university), preached a sermon entitled "In Defense of Angels" at Aurora Cornerstone Church (Newmarket) on September 9, 2007. He contributed a chapter entitled "Beyond the Call of Duty" to the book *24 and Philosophy: The World According to Jack* (Blackwell Publishing, Fall 2007), which he co-edited with Jennifer Hart Weed and Ronald Weed.



Dr. Brad Faught, Associate Professor of History (university), has recently begun work on a new book, *The New A-Z of Empire: A Handbook of British Imperial History*. It is to be published by I.B. Tauris (London and New York) and fits well into an ongoing research program that concentrates on the history of the British Empire.



Dr. Barbara Leung Lai, Associate Professor of Old Testament (seminary), published "Psalm 44 and the Function of Lament and Protest," *Old Testament Essays 20/2* (2007); 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 Vol. 2 of *Text and Community: Essays in Memory of Bruce M. Metzger* (2 vols.), ed. J. Harold Ellens (Sheffield Phoenix Press, September 2007). She has been appointed as member of the Steering Committee of the "Psychology and Biblical Studies" Section at the Society of Biblical Literature and most recently, as member of the Editorial Board for the *Society of Asian North American Christian Studies Annual (SANACS Annual)*. Dr. Leung Lai presented a paper, "Fostering a Whole-Brained Scholastic Experience in Classroom Teaching" at the Tyndale Theological Research Forum on November 8, 2007. The same (in a revised version) was presented at the "Psychology and Biblical Studies" Section at the Annual Meeting of SBL, San Diego on November 19, 2007.



Dr. Dennis Ngien, Research Professor of Theology (seminary), published an article entitled, "The Spirit 'Worshipped and Glorified' as the

Perfecting Cause of our Worship in Basil of Caesarea's *De Spiritu Sancto*," in *Eusebeia* (Fall 2007).



Dr. Vincent Poon, Sessional Professor of Counselling (seminary), published two papers on "Model of Counselling for Family Doctors" and "Narratives and Therapy" in the *Canadian Family Physician* (2007; 53). He also presented a paper, "A Short Counselling Model to Help People In Relationships" at the World Psychiatric Association International Congress in Melbourne, Australia on November 30.



Dr. Rebecca G. S. Idestrom, Associate Professor of Old Testament (seminary), is currently on sabbatical. She conducted research in July and August at the École Biblique in Jerusalem. She will spend the academic year at the Tyndale House in Cambridge, England. Recently, she published an essay "Elizabeth Wordsworth: Nineteenth Century Oxford Principal and Bible Interpreter" in *Recovering Nineteenth-Century Women Interpreters of the Bible*, edited by and Christiana de Groot and Marion Ann Taylor (Atlanta: SBL Symposium, 2007).



Dr. Ron Kydd, Research Professor of Church History (seminary), read a paper in August, at the Fifteenth International Patristics Conference at Oxford University dealing with the use of the gifts of the Spirit in third century doctrinal debates. This conference attracted 800 scholars from around the world and involved the presentation of several hundred papers. On September 15, Dr. Kydd participated in a workshop at St. Philip-on-the-Hill Anglican Church on human sexuality, reviewing biblical, theological and historical issues. He directs the St. Peter's campus of Wycliffe College's Diploma in Lay Ministry program. In October and November, he taught a course on the formation of the canon of the New Testament. During the same period, he ministered and preached at St. Peter's in Cobourg, Ontario on Remembrance Sunday and at a healing service at St. Timothy's, Agincourt (Toronto).



Dr. Paul Magnus, Professor R.J. Bernardo Chair of Leadership (seminary) recently acted as a consultant with the Meeting House and the Brethren in Christ denomination, the National Board of the Canadian Sunday School Mission, the Ellerslie Road Baptist Church in Edmonton and the Chartwell Baptist Church in Oakville. He has also taught or preached recently at the Chinese Church of Mississauga, the Centennial Road Standard Church in Brockville, Lanark Baptist Church, and the North Toronto Chinese Baptist Church.



Dr. Ian Scott, Assistant Professor of New Testament (seminary), published an article in the journal *New Testament Studies* entitled "Common Ground? Gal. 2.16 in Paul's Argument." Dr. Scott also presented a paper "Is the Canon Always Scripture? The 'Low' View of the Pentateuch in the Letter of Aristeeus" at the Society of Biblical Literature conference in San Diego on November 17.



Dr. Victor Shepherd, Professor of Systematic and Historical Theology (seminary), was unanimously awarded The Best Preacher Award by the Centre of Mentorship and Theological Reflection. He will be honoured at the Centre's 10th Anniversary celebration on June 5, 2008. Dr. Shepherd has completed a 400-page book, *Martin Luther: An introduction to his thought* which will be published by Regent Press, Vancouver. Dr. Shepherd is now faculty member of the Department of Philosophy, Tyndale University, where he will teach a new course, The Thought of Emil Fackenheim: Philosophy and Theology in Dialogue.



Dr. David Sherbino, Professor of Spirituality and Pastoral Ministry (seminary), taught a course on Spiritual Formation at the Arrow Leadership Program in Auckland, New Zealand. He conducted a training session for Enrich Canada on the five diagnostic tools that they produce. Recently he led workshops on spiritual direction for leaders at Chartwell Baptist Church in Oakville, Ontario. He preached at the anniversary service at the Toronto Chinese Methodist Church. Sherbino was a guest panelist on several occasions on the CTS television program, *Viewpoints*. He has completed a new book on the spiritual disciplines to be released early in 2008.



Dr. Yau Man Siew, Associate Professor of Educational Ministries (seminary), conducted a series of teacher enrichment workshops for about 40 Sunday school teachers at the Ottawa Chinese Alliance Church October 5-7. He also spoke at all the services in the same church on Sunday, October 7 in celebration of Christian Education Sunday. Dr. Siew attended the annual conference of North American Professors of Christian Education (NAPCE) in San Jose, CA October 18-20.



Dr. Scott Veenliet, Assistant Professor of Psychology (university), has published two articles. They are "Intrinsic religious orientation and religious teaching: Differential judgements toward same-gender sexual behaviour and gay men and lesbians," which will be published in *The International Journal for the Psychology of Religion*. The other is "Justice, fairness, and the dehumanization of refugees to be published in the *Social Justice Research*."



Dr. Wafik Wahba, Associate Professor of Global Christianity (seminary), presented two seminars on "Ministering in the Postmodern Culture" at the National Presbyterian Conference held in Chicago, October 17- 20, 2007.



Dr. Stanley Walters, Professor of Religious Studies (university), has edited the book, *Go Figure!* (Wipf and Stock, Fall 2007) which is a compilation of papers delivered at last year's university conference dubbed, "Figured Out."

Faculty & Staff Notes

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Dr. Jennifer Hart Weed, Assistant Professor of Philosophy (university), was a Visiting Fellow at the Institute for Medieval Studies at the University of Leeds from May to July 2007. There, she taught a graduate seminar on the Philosophy of St. Thomas Aquinas. Dr. Weed also presented the paper, "Aquinas on Forced Conversion: Belief, Will and Toleration," at the International Medieval Congress at the University of Leeds on July 12 and at the Medieval Studies Conference at the University of Durham on July 15.



Dr. Ron Weed, Assistant Professor of Philosophy (university) was Visiting Fellow, at the Centre for Applied Ethics (IDEA-CETL), University of Leeds in May and June 2007 and at New College, University of Edinburgh in July 2007. At University of Leeds, he delivered a paper entitled "Aristotle and the Purpose of Business" to the Business Ethics Working Group at the Centre for Applied Ethics and gave a talk entitled "Aristotle on Democratic Envy: An Other Regarding Vice?" at the Leeds philosophy department. He published *From Ancient Greek to Asian Philosophy*, co-edited with E. Hoppe (Athens: Athens Institute for Education and Research, 2007). He published a review of *The Blackwell Companion to Aristotle's Nicomachean Ethics* in the *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, 15, (2) (2007).



Dr. Daniel Wong, Assistant Professor of Christian Ministries (university) presented the exhortation for Rev. Ted Tham's ordination at the North Toronto Chinese Baptist Church on September 23. He also preached at the Tyndale Uncovered Chapel on "The Ministry of Encouragement" on October 21 and spoke on a panel at the English Speaking Chinese Ministerial (ESCM) on November 7. Dr. Wong taught a workshop on "How to Choose the Right University" for the university college's Open House on November 17. He is currently planning a mission trip to Miami with university college students taking place during their Reading Week at the end of February 2008.



Dr. Lilian Wong, Associate Professor of Psychology (university), has co-edited a book with Paul Wong titled *The Positive Psychology of Meaning and Spirituality*. She also spoke to


the Chinese Parenting Association on the topic of Parental Leadership and the Strong Willed Child in October. She is a member of the planning committee for the 5th Biennial International Conference on Personal Meaning, which will be held July 23-27 in Toronto.



Dr. Paul Wong, Professor of Psychology (university), is completing three books: a comprehensive textbook, *Meaning-Centered Counselling and Therapy, A Training Manual for Meaning-Centered Counselling and Positive Psychology for Tough Times*. He is also guest editor of a special issue of *Journal of Death Studies* on death acceptance. He has completed two book reviews for *PSYCHCritique: APA Journal of Contemporary Book Reviews*. He has just been invited to another lecture tour to speak at several universities in Taiwan. He has started planning for the 5th Biennial International Conference on Personal Meaning.

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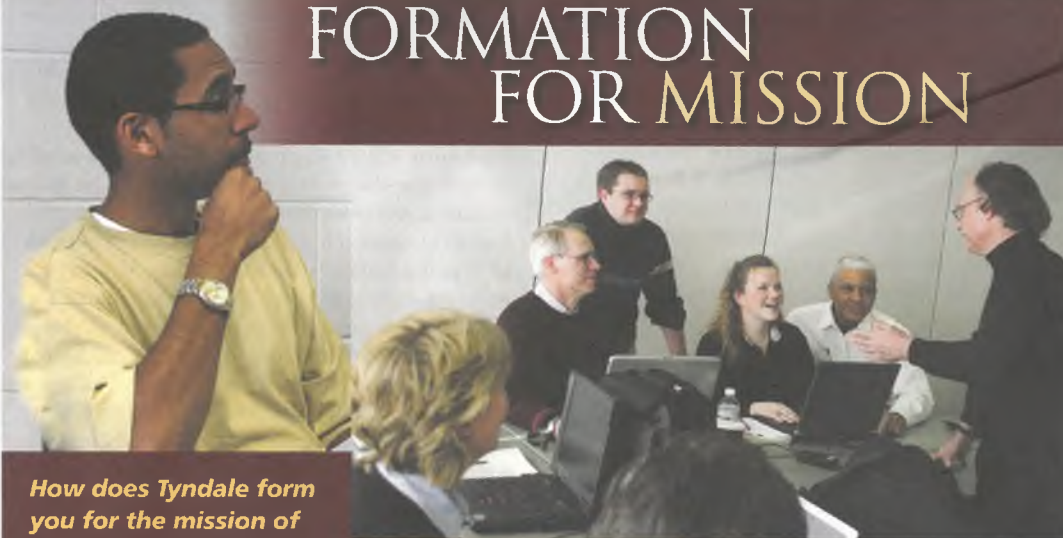
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