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**Being Holistic**

**Obedience is Better  
than Sacrifice**

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# editor's LETTER



The Communications Team



Church and Community. The words are so simple. Yet, through the survey Tyndale conducted in fall 2011 with individuals and churches from the Tyndale community, it became apparent the complexities, richness, challenges, and miracles of Church and Community are vast. In all, 343 churches and 710 individuals responded to the survey on Church and Community. The pool was primarily Tyndale community—the individuals were alumni, students, faculty and staff while the churches were those who have previously interacted with Tyndale. We hoped to start a conversation about Church and Community and the responses to the qualitative questions are extensive. As we reviewed the answers we realized a one page summary was not enough so you will find throughout the magazine many of the answers to the qualitative questions in the form of word art.

Tyndale University College & Seminary is known for being missional and for asking the hard question: “Who are you in Jesus Christ?” It’s not just about Sunday service or the community of the church or the community that surrounds the church. It is challenging us to look at life holistically—who we are in Christ and how we express that in our daily lives on the streets

where we live, at work, at our children’s school, where we volunteer or where we play sports.

When we read through the survey answers, we were struck that there were several legitimate common challenges our community faces while trying to find out who we are in Christ and how to express this reality holistically in today’s culture. In hopes of inspiring all of us to find solutions to those issues, we searched for alumni, students and faculty who have overcome at least some of them. Their stories are found in this issue.

Putting this issue together challenged me. It was easy for me to come up with a list of things I was doing for Christ and in Christ. Through prayer and speaking with others I was able to affirm the calling God has for me when it comes to my family, how I am involved in church, the church I go to, working at Tyndale and my present studies in Spiritual Direction at Tyndale. However, it also convicted me. I am one of the many people in the GTA that commute and do not live close to work or my church. There is only one neighbour that I speak with on occasion. Often I am so busy that I don’t take the time to listen and discern where God is working or what he might be calling me to as I do my errands, play sports or work around my house. I am left with needing to figure out how to slow down, listen and hear how God is calling me to express who I am in Christ—on my street, in the sports that I do, and in the rest of my daily life. ■



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# president's VOICE



**H**ave you noticed? Things are quite different!

Some people say that we are living in a Post-Christendom mindset, others use a similar phrase: 'After Christendom.' Whatever you call it, we are living in a cultural time in which the church no longer plays the role it once did at the centre of society.

More and more Canadians have less and less Christian memory. They have, in many cases, decided we are irrelevant. Worse, they may simply be unaware that we even exist.

That is why the discussion and material in this issue of *Tyndale: the Magazine* is critical. This is the world God has placed us in and how we live and engage with it as people of faith is crucial. The word 'missional' and the frameworks behind that word may appear faddish—just another way to do church and be Christian. In fact, it is much more than that.

In many ways it is a recovery of the incarnational energy that enabled the early church to turn its world upside down. The early church believed that knowing Christ also meant taking on the redemptive mission of God to the whole world—to find identity not in some kind of holy huddle but in the marketplace, neighbourhoods, and the places they lived

their lives. They realized that to do so they would have to become a 'sent' people.

This mission for the early church shaped an imagination in which its first inclination was not to form committees and constitutions but to be a people of the good news both in word and deed. The hope of the gospel in the New Testament was a church that lived this out with missional imagination and courage. That is the challenge for us today—to reimagine and rediscover the reckless abandon and costly discipleship of our roots; to find out where God is at work and join with God's activity.

In this rediscovery, churches and people of faith are finding new passions. Young adults are moving into marginal neighbourhoods seeking to be incarnational in their witness of Christ. Others are discovering God's concern for justice and still others have moved to a new way of introducing people to the

possibilities of faith in Jesus Christ. To have a missional imagination is to have the heart of God who longs for people to come to Him, and for justice and righteousness to reign in this world. The times we live in, however, dictate that we may be spending a lot of time introducing ourselves to people and communities that do not know who we are.

To the exiles in Babylon the Prophet Jeremiah wrote words from God (Jeremiah 29:4-9) that speak to these times. He states clearly that it is He that brought them here and He calls them to settle down and live into the world he has placed before them. This is a great time to be the church. The challenge is found in whether or not we will engage the world to which God has placed us or hide from it. The challenge is to become missional.

*Dr. Gary V. Nelson  
President and Vice Chancellor*



# campusMOVE

## Campus Update

**P**lans are well underway for Tyndale's 2013-14 move to the Bayview campus. Members of the Tyndale community are eager to see the new campus express the culture of Tyndale as a place of learning and community. Tyndale's architects, CS&P Architects, conducted several visioning sessions last fall with groups of university college students, seminary students, faculty, alumni, and staff to better understand the aspirations and dreams for Tyndale's future so as to reflect these in its design deliberations.

One recurring distinctive of Tyndale that was clearly communicated by students and others was the strong sense of community on

campus. There is a desire for gathering places that foster intimacy, such as learning commons, lounges and communal worship areas. One student described the vibrant atmosphere on campus as, "Informal... So much happens by bumping into one another in the hallways... Learning does not only occur in the classroom."

There is also a strong desire to "bring the outside in" to allow students, faculty and staff to enjoy the natural beauty of the new campus. Commenting on the beautiful courtyard of the Ballyconnor campus, there was widespread eagerness about the possibilities of incorporating the many more

courtyards and acres of green space on the Bayview campus.

In renovating the Bayview campus, the current architecture and history of the campus will be carefully preserved and integrated with the character and heritage of Tyndale. Many participants in the visioning sessions suggested alterations that would facilitate Tyndale becoming a more open, welcoming member of the neighbourhood.

Tyndale's diverse community brings a multitude of interests, needs and desires to the discussion about the new campus. Excitement is stirring as these conversations take shape in the plans for the Bayview campus. ■

What is the main reason you are involved with the church?

It's been my spiritual home for over 30 years. I am called, as a believer, to serve there. Spiritual growth and community outreach. Let's do life together. Worship. It's where I have roots. Great children's program.

Opportunity to use my gifts. Overseas missions focus. My love for God.

There is no one reason. I enjoy the services, the people, the work in the community and missions. For community and worshipping with others for encouragement. Corporate Worship. Multi-cultural gospel preaching. Christ calls us to serve.

# Church + Community

Tyndale University College & Seminary conducted a survey in the fall of 2011 to find out how churches and individuals, primarily located in Ontario, are involved in their communities. Thank you to all who participated. We hoped to start a conversation exploring how the Tyndale community and churches are interacting with and being part of the larger community.

● **Start here to read through some of the responses to the survey questions.**

In the survey we also found several recurring challenges that individuals and churches face when reaching out and being part of the community. We have searched for people in our Tyndale community that have found solutions to some of those concerns expressed in the survey and have highlighted them in the magazine. We hope that you will find the responses insightful, helpful and inspirational.

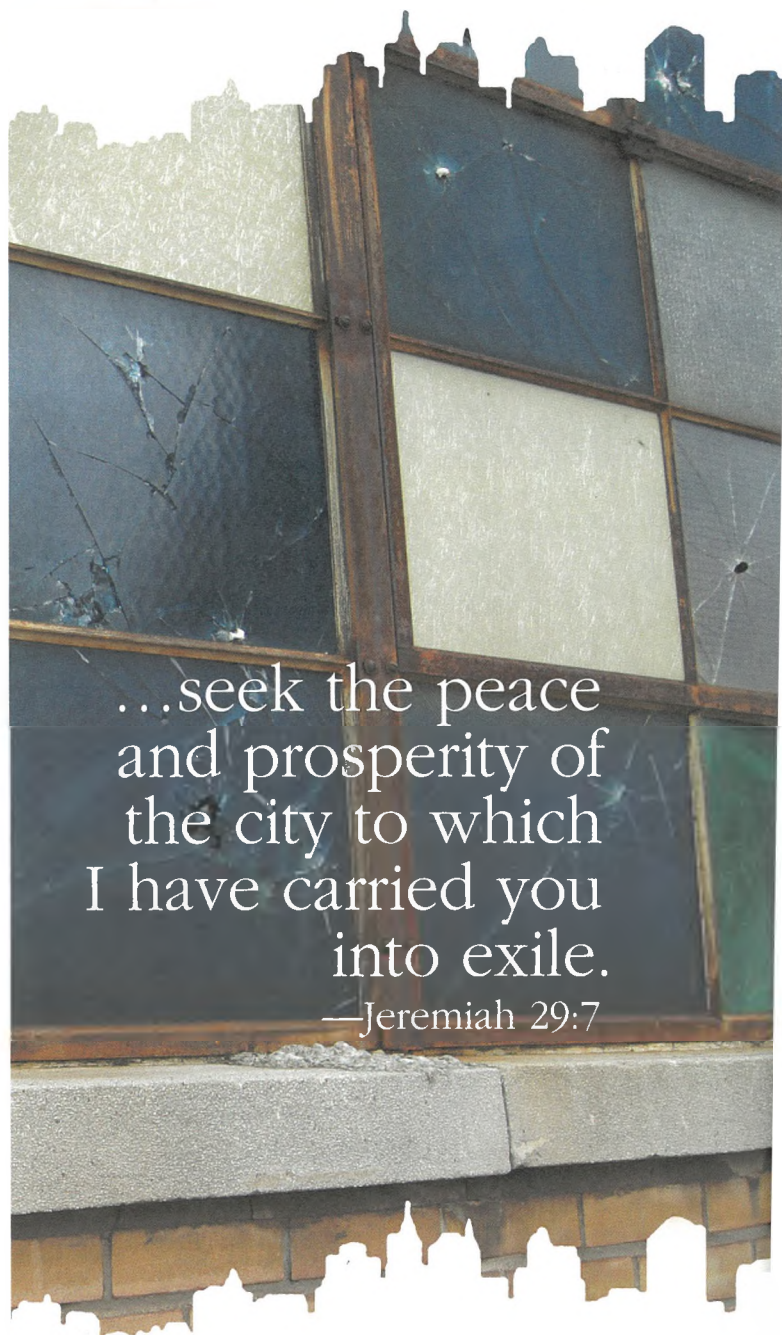


# Authentic Express

Give examples of ministries your church is presently focused on.

**D**wayne Cline, the lead pastor of the Hughson Street Baptist Church in the north end of Hamilton, Ontario, and a graduate of Tyndale (MDiv '09), says that he willingly questions his "ability to lead at the beginning of each chapter." His church is currently in an interesting chapter. The congregation worships at the school across the road from the church because their sanctuary is too small. They have recently purchased a nearby building that is already being used for a food bank, a clothing depot and is the home of two local organizations. The new building will eventually house a new sanctuary and become the base for many of the church's ministries. However, much time and many offering plates will need to pass before the building will be fully renovated.

Dwayne grew up in a rural area and likens it to living in the city. Both can be tight-knit communities where people know each other. "I believe God has placed us in church for a reason—because that's where He wants us to be and the end result of us being anywhere is to introduce people to Jesus Christ," he says. Dwayne also believes the same principles for seeking the peace and prosperity of the city are transferable to any village, town or rural area. "How can your church bless local businesses?"



...seek the peace  
and prosperity of  
the city to which  
I have carried you  
into exile.  
—Jeremiah 29:7

# sion

Community dinner at the soup kitchen.

A focus on inner healing, deliverance, hearing God's voice and prayer.

Single Mom support.

Pregnancy centre.

Homeless shelter.

Discipleship, Christian growth, teaching new believers and laying food foundations.

House church in rooming houses and private homes.

Spiritual growth ministries.



Bless the power brokers, the MPs, the MPPs? How can you bless the local school or hospital? Where in the community is there poverty? It may be only situational poverty, like a burned house, a car accident or a divorce, but ask where you can come alongside people.” Dwayne sees community as the street where you live, where your children go to school and play sports, where you work and volunteer and where you worship. It is not just where the church resides. For some, their community is consolidated into one geographical location, for others it is spread throughout a city or rural community.

Hughson Street Baptist Church is in north Hamilton where fifty-five percent of the children live below the poverty line. One hundred and fifty people use the church’s food bank every month and members of the church volunteer at a local breakfast club every Wednesday morning. Sixty-five percent of the congregation lives within walking distance of the church and ninety percent of the congregation serves in their community. Together, Dwayne and the congregation have been able to nurture and mentor individuals in the church, discern where God is at work in the neighbourhood and answer His call to go out in the name of Jesus.

“Individuals are asked to come alongside some of the ministries and choose to be a part

of the programs the church runs,” says Dwayne. This is where the serving happens. “We ask people to be involved in a sacrificial ministry as opposed to being a big events volunteer,” says Dwayne. The congregation takes seriously God’s instructions to Israel in Jeremiah 29:7 to “seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.” This verse challenges the typecast of apathy and narcissism of our culture and the younger generation—the average age of the Hughson Street congregation is under 30 years.

Those who attend Hughson Street are invited to celebrate, grow, serve and share. Celebration happens six to eight times each year through free-flowing celebration Sundays that highlight what God is doing in people and the community. The nurturing and growing of people primarily happens in community and covenant groups, and in one-on-one mentoring. “Community groups are nine to eleven people who meet in their homes,” says Dwayne. “These groups are the first line of care for families. If a baby is born or someone is sick, by the time

Overseas missions and in the winter, a youth dinner.

Can drives, Mitten Tree Project and Out of the Cold.

Studio 16 is a community-focused art, music, drama and dance program.



Dwayne Cline (MDiv '09)

Breakfast Program. Upward sports ministry and support and recovery ministries for adults and youth. We run a Jazz, Tap and Ballet Dance Ministry.

pastoral care gets there, the community groups are already there.” Covenant groups are smaller, three to four people, who have more flexibility about when they meet, have a higher level of commitment between members and foster deeper intimacy. The community and covenant groups are *not* where the great commission is fulfilled. “Community groups are the place where they vet their dreams—where people are known well enough by the group to have them say this makes sense or not. They discern their calling together.” It is the inward focus of listening and discerning God’s call which moves them out into the community. One couple felt strongly called to welcome and integrate new Canadians into the area and brought the idea

To view a web exclusive interview with Dwayne Cline, go to: [go.tyndale.ca/dwaynecline](http://go.tyndale.ca/dwaynecline)

## Being there; living in the city, is a big part of seeking the peace and prosperity of the city.

to their community group first where they discerned together that it should be presented to the church.

Sharing is about “making sure that the gospel is changing your life and that you’re talking about it,” says Dwayne. It’s not just about talking. To become a member of Hughson Street a person has to read the eighteen-page membership manual and consider moving into the neighbourhood. Being there; living in the city, is a big part of seeking the peace and prosperity of the city. What Hughson Street Baptist Church is doing comes out of an authentic expression of who they are in Christ. ■

# REDEEMING THE BURGER, ONE AT A TIME

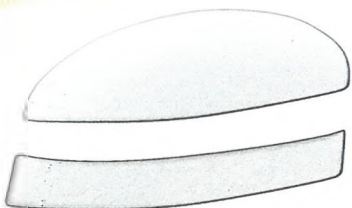
With no advertising and a first location in an unremarkable stretch of Queen Street East, the Burger's Priest, "a classic American cheeseburger joint," has become one of the most popular places to get a burger in Toronto.

Owner and operator, Shant Mardirosian (BA '03), when asked why he does not advertise, responds with a biblical story. "Genesis 1-11 is this story of God creating, man messing up, and the second they mess up, they try to make themselves good again. It comes to its climax at the Tower of Babel where they say, 'let us make names for ourselves.' After that you have God saying to Abraham, 'I'm going to make your name great.'...God makes names great and we don't." After less than two years of operation, the Burger's Priest has two locations and accolades in multiple print and web publications. However, Shant did not become a successful restaurant owner overnight.

Years before he would open his own restaurant, Shant came to Tyndale thinking that he would become a pastor. During his time at Tyndale, he became close friends with two other students and with Stephen Thomson, Associate Professor of Religious Studies at the University

College. "Steven Thomson, who was mentoring us, kept telling us one thing," says Shant. "It was all about our identity; who are you? Who are you in Jesus Christ? It was about our identity in Jesus Christ. It seemed like my two friends got it, but for me it was like he was talking in riddles." In 2003, after Shant's graduation ceremony, Professor Thomson said to him, "So how do you feel?" "And I said," Shant recalls, "Well, I'm a waiter," and I started to cry because all my other friends were going into the ministry and doing their thing. He looked at me and said, 'A waiter is what you do, it's not who you are.' I never forgot it."

Shant continued to work in various positions in the food service industry for four years. In 2006 he went to New York City on a whim with a friend to get a "real burger." After driving through the night, he ended up eating a burger in a famous New York eatery at 10 a.m. "I remember having this 'wow' moment of thinking



THE BURGER'S PRIEST  
REDEEMING THE BURGER ONE AT A TIME

# THE BURGER'S PRIEST

## REDEEMING THE BURGER ONE AT A TIME

Run for God is a ministry on spiritual fitness and physical fitness. Prison Ministry, food programs, food bank. New immigrant ministry. Hospital volunteers.

Healing poems and prayers

this is what I want to do." He began to look into living in New York and working in restaurants there to learn.

"During this time I was constantly going back to Tyndale and talking to Steven Thomson, trying to deal with where I was at," Shant recalls. "I kept telling him, 'I'm going to come back to school,' 'I'm going to do my master's and he would just look at me...but at one point he said, 'Our friendship has become stagnant.' I didn't understand what he meant. He said, 'Well, we need to go our separate ways.' At that point he ended the friendship...I didn't understand it then, but what he was saying was that he loved me so much that he knew that he needed to end it for me to understand what he had been saying for so long. I left his office pretty shocked and then I left for New York." Shant did not tell Professor Thomson that he was heading to New York.

In 2007, he lived in Manhattan for eight months working in several different burger places, learning and

observing. While working there, he witnessed broken relationships, alcoholism, and he overheard

conversations about cheating boyfriends and girlfriends. "Something just clicked," Shant says, "and I understood what Thomson had been trying to say. It was about being a man and seeing what's wrong with the world and doing what you can to fix it in your own little way...I called him and I said, 'I get it' and we had a big conversation and it was pretty tearful and we've been friends ever since."

On the Burger Priest's website there is a description of the gospel message and links to a local church in the community. "We want to have a public proclamation point, so we use the website for that and we just try and make that a place where it's safe. You can go there and no one sees you looking at it; nobody knows you're looking at it, we're not putting it in people's faces; we are not forcing them." Response from the community has been very positive. "I get great responses," he says, "a lot of people come and say, 'I found a great church because of you.'"

Now Shant is "redeeming the burger one at a time," and, he says, "we also are going to try to redeem everything else in the industry...We just try and be good. We do the best we can in as many areas as possible. We fail a lot, but we are trying." He makes sure to pay his suppliers on time, pay employees well, and serve good food made from quality ingredients. "This idea of fulfilling your ministry—finding what you're good at and doing it—is the best. I couldn't imagine doing anything else right now." ■



Shant Mardirosian  
(BA '03)

To view a web exclusive interview with Shant Mardirosian, go to: [go.tyndale.ca/burgerspriest](http://go.tyndale.ca/burgerspriest)



# Working Together

**A city is vibrant, messy, multi-faceted, noisy, full of opportunity and full of needs. How does a small church live within the complexities of a city, maximize the opportunities for ministry and meet those needs? How does a pastor address the needs of the congregation while also meeting the needs of the surrounding community with limited resources?**

True City is a consortium/think tank of like-minded people, pastors and churches in Hamilton, Ontario, whose focus is: Churches together for the good of the city. They are not an organization. They don't have a structure but instead meet together in small groups, workshops and conferences. Eleven churches from different denominations have covenanted together to be committed to each other and to identify shared areas of mission. They found that collectively, when they pooled their resources,

they could really start to impact the city. The churches support each other in running food banks, a clothing depot, serving free meals, running day camps, coordinating sports leagues and much more.

Greg Reader (MDiv '05) and Dallas Friesen (DMin '13) are both involved in True City. Greg is working with International Teams and Dallas is co-pastoring Mount Hamilton Baptist Church with his wife. No one person is in charge of True City.

"Small churches cannot be everything to everybody," says Greg. In the conversations amongst pastors of the covenant churches, there seemed to be a disconnect for some between the traditional roles their congregations were asking of them and what God was calling them to lead the church to do in the community. In 2010, True City facilitators visited each covenant church to meet with church leaders and boards. Having an external perspective, the facilitators were able to bring out the unique stories of each church. From the stories came questions: What is your sense of your church's calling? How can other



Greg Reader (MDiv '05)



Dallas Friesen (DMin '13)

## What does a healthy church and mission look like and how do we help each other grow to be healthy in mission?

churches help you fulfill it? How can you help other churches fulfill their calling?

“Every one of these meetings was surprisingly energetic and the ideas that came out were brilliant,” says Dallas. Out

of these story-telling times came the idea for a conference to answer this question: What does a healthy church and mission look like and how do we help each other grow to be healthy in mission? Most of the eighty people who attended the conference in February 2011 were board members from the core True City churches.

“For some pastors, doing weddings and funerals, and visiting parishioners in the hospital is missional, but for others these activities aren’t missional,” says Greg. “We can’t come up with a standard template for Hamilton.” But there’s the freedom to explore what missional does mean. True City facilitates a peer learning group where participants can talk about what they are

wrestling with and know the safety of spiritual friendship. Through his time with his peers, Dallas knows what’s going on in the churches in Hamilton. “I feel easier about just doing what I’m supposed to do. It eases the load. And when someone is looking for a new church, and ours doesn’t seem to be the right fit, I can now say try this one here.”

“There is a lot of miscommunication in our society,” Greg says. “We need to engage in conversations and listen well.” He found out that twenty-seven households within a five-block radius of his house attend True City churches. These people have been meeting for coffee, conversation and prayer. Many Christians assume there is an anti-Christian sentiment in Canada that Greg just doesn’t think exists.

True City participants don’t claim to have all of the answers about what to do. What they are doing is working and learning together to more effectively live the truth in Hamilton. ■

To view a web exclusive interview with the True City Movement, go to: [go.tyndale.ca/truacity](http://go.tyndale.ca/truacity)

# Reaching In, Reaching Out

In 2007, Melodie Bissell (MDiv '10) incorporated the business Winning Kids, with the goal of "winning the race against abuse" and setting a standard of protection for children. The business, which uses Biblical truths to inform her training materials, was her way to serve the community by fighting abuse. Melodie's idea was born while taking an In-Ministry MDiv at Tyndale, where she was asked to complete a project that would engage the church and the community. At the time, she had been editing a manual for the Christian and Missionary Alliance entitled *Plan to Protect*, which helped churches to prevent and address child abuse. Melodie's epiphany came in the form of a question. While integrating *Plan to Protect* with her project she asked herself, "What do children hear when we share the gospel with them? . . . If they are victims of abuse and they are living this nightmare, what do they hear when we tell them that Jesus is always with them? . . . How does that translate to a child that's been victimized?"

Out of this project and a strong feeling of calling, Melodie began Winning Kids to better share *Plan to Protect*. The manual provides policies and training regarding awareness of abuse, abuse prevention, and ministering with integrity through onsite and online training.

At a church Melodie attended, many members completed the training and it became part of the church's planning and preaching. As a result, the community began to see the congregation as trustworthy, screened, and safe, which led to a partnership between the church and the local public school. The school asked the church

to provide fifty volunteers for a community carnival. At the carnival, the church was given the opportunity to promote their Sunday school and vacation Bible school. The school and church continued the partnership through other events because of the relationship of trust that had been established. While insurance companies routinely require the training for youth leaders, churches have experienced it as something much more.

Winning Kids provides three pocket guides for both churches and secular organizations and works with nearly 6,000 organizations. Winning Kids provides resources and training for day care centres, schools, sports leagues, municipalities, recreation centres, and nearly 25 percent of Canadian churches from several denominations.

Melodie has met resistance from some church leaders who were concerned that implementing the policies would make certain youth-focused ministries impossible. After working through the issues, Melodie helped leaders find creative solutions that kept the ministries going through the use of local cafés and businesses.

Melodie continues to discern how to balance sharing the gospel message while working for social justice when connecting with the community. "I live within this tension. . . . It doesn't have to be either-or. . . . Jesus, He did both. He ministered within the community and He did those deeds but He also had a ministry of proclamation."

Melodie recalls hearing from police

officers and children's aid workers that some children are "irreparably damaged." She is adamant, "No way! I know a God who heals." Winning Kids strives to create safe spaces where children can be nurtured, protected, and can receive the healing and love that the gospel offers. "It's time for us to . . . speak on behalf of the victims of abuse. . . and not hide it and put it under the carpet. Then, as we do that, also to speak on behalf of our Heavenly Father to say that He is not silent. . . [He] is able and desiring to heal these wounds." ■

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Melodie Bissell  
(MDiv '10)





What are some of the challenges your church faces to live out the gospel in your community?

Small numbers and limited resources and the need to discover more fully the unlimited resources we have in Christ.  
Poor area—turn over is high as people move in and out of the community.  
Apathy, fear and indifference from the community.  
Language barrier.

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# Being Holistic

We have the means to go about accomplishing it, but not the leadership to start it up.  
The need in Toronto is overwhelming, how do you pick?  
Financial challenges.

**T**oronto Chinese Community Church was founded thirty-five years ago by Reverend Dr. John Kao whose passion for missions is evident in their ministry today. The church has grown to a five congregation, multi-ethnic mega church with services in Mandarin, Cantonese, and English.

A few years ago, Rev. Dr. Harding Ng (MDiv '89), Senior Pastor, found himself, and others in leadership, challenged by the name of the church. As a large church in a middle-class neighbourhood, the danger was that they would remain safe within their walls. "We wanted to live up to our name [community] and not just talk about it," Dr. Ng says. Since then the church has begun to explore ways it can serve the community. "Chinese churches, regardless of denomination, were started because of the generosity of Canadian churches that helped us," says Dr. Ng. "Now that God has blessed us with more people and the ability to acquire buildings, etc., I said to myself, 'Isn't it our turn to help other ethnic groups?'"

Dr. Ng does not simply mean physical help either. "God seems to keep nurturing in me this concept that our Christian testimony should be holistic," he shares, "meeting the body, soul, and spiritual needs of our people." Toronto Chinese Community Church is attempting to do that through several ministries.

Approximately six years ago, a member of the church returned from overseas missions in

South Africa. She had spent time ministering to people in prison in South Africa, and when she returned to Canada she began a prison ministry in the church and mentored those who volunteered. When some of the prisoners were released, they started coming to church.

Meanwhile, a few of the youth at the church had visited a Mosaic Interfaith Out of the Cold program (MIOTC) and wished the church would participate. Out of the Cold is a program that offers space, usually in a church, for homeless people to sleep, get cleaned up, receive some food, and be in a safe environment. Some of the members were worried about security or potential bad influences on their children and were initially skeptical about the program, but with educational sessions held by MIOTC, many of the fears were addressed. "I think there was a lot of fear and apprehension at the time...

but I think there

Rev. Dr. Harding Ng (MDiv '89) with Rev. Dr. Kinson Leung (MDiv '92) at the Gibson Centre's food bank.



over-involved lifestyle.  
Lack of focus on resources, time, profile, desires. Finding the sweet spot of connecting.  
to help those legitimately in need and those trying to scam. Getting volunteers. Age barriers within the community of faith.  
opportunity to reach needy youth but some in the leadership oppose it due to the cost of the program. Finding the balance between social justice and Gospel truth.  
Cultural diversity and other faiths, things

Difficult to get reliable volunteers.

challenge and an opportunity

was a break through," says Dr. Ng. "I think God really used that to shake us up. These are people who are just like us; these are people who need God's love. Look at what Jesus did when He was here on earth." Members of the congregation sought to help in whatever ways they could.

Volunteers ranged from hairdressers, doctors, nurses, and even people to cut finger and toenails. Afterwards they saw their careers anew—as ways to show God's love.

In 2010, the church purchased a 46,000-square-foot warehouse right behind the church. "God really laid it on our hearts that we need to use this for the community," says Rev. Dr. Kinson Leung (M.Div. '92), Lead Pastor for the English congregation. "This is not about building a bigger church." The new building, called the Gibson Centre, is already being used to serve the community.

In partnership with Five with Drive, they host a food bank in their new building. When they were in the planning phase, an Afghan woman came into the church asking for some food. Dr. Leung gave her the Five with Drive food bank contact information and told her when the food bank would be opening. He saw it as an affirmation of what they were doing. After the food bank opened, Dr. Leung delivered food to that same woman and her eight children; her husband had died in Afghanistan. Along with Dr. Leung, approximately 200 members of the congregation volunteer at the food bank.

Toronto Chinese Community Church is now in the process of raising funds to renovate the Gibson Centre to make it a place for the whole community. "Hopefully it is a place where people of all walks of life can come," said Dr. Ng. "Let's see how the love of Christ can be experienced here when the ethnic and cultural barriers can be broken down because of the cross of Christ." Dr. Ng, Dr. Leung and the church have spent hours in prayer waiting on the Spirit in this time of growth and transition for their church. The initial plans are for the community centre to have a food bank, a youth drop-in centre, care for the elderly, a counselling

**"Hopefully it is a place where people of all walks of life can come."**

centre, and more. He prays that the community will become a better place to live with reduced school drop-out rates, a decrease in crime rates, and reduced numbers of elderly living in isolation. "The faith journey is moving as God stirs us," Dr. Leung says, "and I just feel that, at this particular juncture of our church growth, the Lord is stirring us to something greater." ■

To view a web exclusive interview with Dr. Harding Ng, go to: [go.tyndale.ca/hardingng](http://go.tyndale.ca/hardingng)

To view a web exclusive interview with Dr. Kinson Leung, go to: [go.tyndale.ca/kinsonleung](http://go.tyndale.ca/kinsonleung)



# Obedience is Better than Sacrifice



Denise Gillard (BRS '91)

Our location is far from community transportation routes, this creates challenges for us. Being authentic. People want to do it, but feel they don't know how

**D**enise Gillard (BRS '91) is founder and Executive Artistic Director of HopeWorks Connection and Director of Programming for Frontlines, organizations that are focused on meeting the needs of children in communities throughout the Greater Toronto Area. Denise's passion for ministry began at a young age, but it was not the traditional full-time ministry that originally drew her. Her initial interest in social work led to a degree in journalism, and she eventually came to Tyndale to prepare for pastoral ministry. She has served in several leadership positions at different Baptist churches in the GTA and started HopeWorks as an independent non-governmental organization.

Before starting HopeWorks Connection, Denise was part of an urban, storefront church that ministered to the homeless and people dealing with addictions. The church plant, while struggling financially, attracted many volunteers because community work was part of the church. As the church grew, members of the church decided to move to a safer neighbourhood. After the church moved, the

members were no longer involved in its day-to-day activities. "It's about how you are living your everyday life," Denise says. "People are most often transformed through our everyday love and action versus our organized love and action." When her storefront church moved out of the neighbourhood it lost its witness of presence. She established HopeWorks Connection as a way to re-engage people with the day-to-day needs of the community.

HopeWorks Connection is a not-for-profit Christian organization that seeks to empower youth in the Greater Toronto Area through the performing arts, academics, and poverty relief initiatives. One key program of HopeWorks Connection is the Toronto Children's Concert Choir and Performing Arts Company, whose mission is "to promote, develop and encourage the talents and gifts of youth in the musical arts." Through such programs,

"People are most often transformed through our everyday love and action versus our organized love and action."



We are a small congregation, so the challenge is to motivate enough people to plan and fulfill certain projects. Getting everyone to see the opportunities that we have. People who want to keep things the way they are. Knowing what to focus our church on with time, energy and finances.

ninety-five percent of the youth that have been involved in the organization have “gone on to do great things in university or college,” says Denise. “We wanted to use the performing arts as a means to not only reach out to kids with the love of Christ but to empower them to go on to great things and have a vision for the future.”

“I intentionally did not start HopeWorks under the church,” Denise says. “I had gained several years of experience and my experience of the church’s outreach or mission was that often people stifled what God wanted to do in terms of mission...I wasn’t sure that the entire church would be faithful to that kind of mission call.” Denise’s experience as a pastor taught her that most people sought to avoid the change inherent in missional ministry. “Some say they want new people but when new people come in they change things...My experience has been that established churches really don’t want change. They really would prefer more of a chaplain model where you marry them, and bury them, and shake them up a bit but not too much. When new people come who are truly

transformed by the love of God and are looking for healthy relationships it really rocks the boat.”

As the Director of Programming for Frontlines, a community centre in the Weston neighbourhood of Toronto, Denise focuses on meeting the needs of children and youth in the community and providing a safe place for them to have “food, fitness, fellowship and fun.” Food security is an issue in the community, as many youth do not have enough to eat or have unhealthy eating habits. Her position at Frontlines has allowed her to begin a partnership between the two organizations to share resources and give youth more opportunities.

Denise has transitioned from church leadership to full-time work with HopeWorks and Frontlines where she serves youth in Weston and across the Greater Toronto Area. She warns that, “there is a cost to following the Lord. My advice is that people weigh the cost, and commit to the cost and then obey. Obedience is better than sacrifice.” Sometimes the first cost to be weighed is the pain and discomfort of change. “Our church is in the walls,” Denise says. “We have to break out and get out. Being missional for me means getting out of your own box or context to serve...It is about seeking wholeness, health and healing in your community.” ■

To view a web exclusive interview with Denise Gillard, go to: [go.tyndale.ca/denisegillard](http://go.tyndale.ca/denisegillard)

# CONTINUOUS RENEWAL



Geoffrey Moore, President of Geoffrey L. Moore and Associates Ltd., a commercial real estate consulting firm, has been a vital member of the Tyndale Board of Directors since 1994, donating much of his own time and money to support Tyndale.

Geoffrey has spent over thirty years as the head of his own company, cultivating it into a business with clients from British Columbia to Ontario and beyond. His background in business was an invaluable asset to Tyndale as the purchase of the Bayview Campus was negotiated.

Recently, the Editor sat down with Geoffrey to discuss how he lives out his faith.

**Q: How do you live out your faith in your daily life?**

**A:** "I try to live really in accordance with the scriptures. I think love is the key thing; it's fairness, it's being fair in all negotiations no matter which side you are on. If I feel a person is hard-done-by we are going to help them, we are going to give them a rent break or we are going to help them in a personal situation in their life. You also have to have a willingness to let business go to help people. You really live out your life through their lives as well, and all your negotiations; whether it is with Wal-Mart or a little dry cleaner in Ottawa—you approach it the same way."

**Q: In your thirty years of work, can you share one of the stories where you watched God work miracles?**

**A:** "We bought this 60,000 square foot super-market in Winnipeg and subdivided it into stores and it was a struggle. I was tired of putting cash into it so I said, 'Lord you just have to help us out of this and whatever I make on this deal I'll give to you.' I eventually sold it for six million dollars and my cost was five million. I gave the million to Tyndale. It was a gift. The situation was very difficult and I could have easily lost a million dollars. From a financial resource standpoint I think of myself as a steward. We live simply, support many Christian organizations, and the Lord definitely leads when there is an opportunity... there were

always instances over the years where the Lord really provided direction to me personally. You always have to work as hard as you can and then the Lord helps you. The other thing is you give the best back to the Lord."

**Q: What is some advice on simple things people can do to learn to step out more in faith, trust God and hear him?**

**A:** "I was listening to a preacher and he said that if you're not in the scriptures daily then you're not able to be taught by the Lord. No matter what you are reading you are going to take something away from it that day and it is going to have an impact on your thought process and how you are going to handle a situation. There also is nothing better than the church body. We've been in the same church for forty years. People don't realize that it is a second family. The church body is a very important part of our life. Satan is always after you every day; we are sinners we have all fallen short of the glory of God; that is a day-to-day struggle. You don't get saved once, I think you get saved every day, it's a continuous renewal." ■



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What does it mean to be m

of culture. Overcomin g the perception of many that we are narrow and not prepared to engage in conversation or accept differing points of view.

The needs are so great. How do you set priorities? Finding a door into the community so that the church community will be recognized. Diversity

# Do Not Fear

onal? Fulfilling the Great Commission locally and throughout the world. Outreach oriented ministries. To do all that can be done to help others, spiritually and practically.

A few weeks after Hannah's fiancé moved into his new neighbourhood, there was a shooting in the lobby of his apartment. The bullet went right through a teenage boy's ear just missing his brain. While the shooting was gang related, Hannah worried that her fiancé could become an inadvertent victim of gang violence. However, Hannah would eventually call this place home; a neighbourhood that she now says she loves.

Hannah Mohajer (Price) (BE'd '10), a school teacher, is part of a growing movement of young Christians moving to communities that have high crime and poverty rates, low standards of living, and are largely unreached. The purpose of this movement is to establish groups of prayerful individuals who live in the community,

sharing in its joys and sorrows, while being salt and light to those around them. They take *The Message's* interpretation of John 1:14 as an example to follow, "The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighbourhood."

"Jesus became part of the mess, He became part of the neighbourhood and all that entailed," Hannah says, "I think that if God calls us to people, He calls us to share life completely with those people...I think that living out the gospel is living your life wherever you are and with whomever you are with, while praying that you can be salt and light." Hannah now participates in weekly prayer times with Christian members of her community; she also started the program, Stories Under the Stars, where she reads bedtime stories to children in her community once a week. At first, however, Hannah had doubts and fears to overcome as she entered the community.

While Hannah did not fear the violence in the community, Hannah had other fears to confront. Hannah was afraid that she wouldn't be able to meet people and that it would be difficult to share the gospel. Many Christians in similar situations had dealt with people who were suspicious of a hidden agenda. However, she soon discovered that many of the cultures she engaged with were more open and willing to talk than her own culture. "In the suburbs



Hannah Mohajer  
(BE'd '10)

you don't really speak to people," Hannah says. "You don't usually know the names of your neighbours, but in these communities it is very easy to meet people." She says that her neighbours, from countries such as Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Sudan, and Ethiopia, "know what hospitality means. If you meet someone in the elevator, five minutes later, they would invite you for tea in their apartment." Many of her friendships developed out of the hospitality of her neighbours rather than a one-sided effort on her part.

Julius Naredo (BA '09), a site supervisor for Urban Promise who is also involved in the movement, had similar experiences of learning from those around him. He lists the Karen people (a Burmese subgroup) as a group that inspired him within his community. "They work hard and they share everything with each other. The children often have to mature fast because they translate for their parents."

Julius leads kids and junior high camps, hosts after school programs, tutors, coordinates volunteers, and helps out single moms in his community. "I've seen so many people or churches where they go and meet in a different community [from where they live] and they don't minister to that place. It didn't make sense for me; it didn't feel like church, it didn't feel like family, it just felt like a club. It was only for those people. I knew that God could do more for me if I just moved in." Julius now lives with a Zimbabwean and a Filipino roommate in a high density, low income neighbourhood in Toronto. "I didn't have a set agenda," said Julius of moving into the community, "I just wanted to get to know people and let them get to know me." Julius stresses the importance of

listening to God in prayer, listening to mentors, and listening to neighbours. "There's a lot of listening and observing because it's definitely different...you have to stop talking, just listen and observe." Both Hannah and Julius saw God open doors for them when people asked, unprompted, to tell them about Jesus. Both have seen people come to Christ and ask to learn more about Jesus.

Hannah and Julius admit that not everyone is called to that lifestyle. "It is something you have to count the cost of," Hannah says. "Following God is not always safe, but being in the centre of God's will is the safest place you can be as a Christian, because if He's called you to something then He will equip you for that. He doesn't want you to fear. He wants you to trust Him and follow Him wherever He leads." ■

Julius Naredo  
(BA '09)

# A Foretaste of the Kingdom



and in our congregations. To be servant-leaders. Having an outward focus.

in mission. We are a sign, an instrument and a foretaste of the Kingdom.”

One of the key needs of the missional church, Professor Goertz says, is mentors. “We can’t tell people how to do it. We have to take people out and have them journey with us in different things.” People need opportunities both to lead and to follow. It is a great way to learn how to discern where God is working in the community and how God is calling them to join Him. “I don’t want to find volunteers, I want to find leaders. You want to find people who

“The missional church is a church which is wanting to offer itself as a foretaste of what the kingdom of God is all about and is going to do that by modeling what Christ has done.”

are both followers and leaders. You need to be under the authority of people but you are also going to be leading in areas.”

Christians can both lead and follow in their lives by listening intentionally. We need to “hear first and then speak,” Professor Goertz says. “Oftentimes we speak first and never stop

**W**ith over thirty years of experience in missional contexts as a pastor, a professor and a student, Donald Goertz synthesizes academic and practical interpretations of missional theology. Donald Goertz, Associate Professor of Church History, is the Director of Tyndale’s In-Ministry Master of Divinity Program. This program is designed for students who are already involved in vocational ministries. Through the program students can tailor their research and apply what they are learning to their particular ministry.

Professor Goertz approaches ministry with the understanding that the triune, relational nature of God is at the centre of the concept of the missional church. “The missional church is a church which is wanting to offer itself as a foretaste of what the kingdom of God is all about and is going to do that by modeling what Christ has done,” he says. One way in which the Church demonstrates what Christ has done is by breaking down the social, economic, ethnic, age and gender barriers that usually divide people. “We are gathered together and we are sent out

To be about what we believe. We are all missionaries, each one; we need to live this in our lives and in our congregations. To be servant-leaders. Having an outward focus.

Echoing the compassion in the heart of God. To be sent out.

To be of service to others in the name of Jesus.





# Church + Community

to listen to the people around us in the community and to the Holy Spirit.” He points to worship as a way the church can listen to God and to each other. “Worship needs to be full of stories of people trying things and not always succeeding...They can be free to celebrate what has worked and the fact that some things didn’t work but they learned something and they have a better idea of what to do the next time.”

The missional church struggles with the tension between outward-focused and inward-focused ministry. “Our church structures can always try and pull people in; the centripetal force is huge, but mission is a centrifugal force and it moves people out.” Professor Goertz stresses that Christians need to try and “keep a balance between those two and live in the tension. The centripetal focus is needed to nurture and equip and keep people focused on Christ...while empowering people to focus the centrifugal aspects to move out into their community and join Jesus in His work.”

“The missional church is about being sent and gathered. “The gathering,” stresses Professor Goertz, “is as important as the sending. We can’t go out unless we first come in...We’re not just saying to go out there and do something but we’re always asking the question how do we discern where God is working and go out there and do something in Jesus’ name.” ■

To view a web exclusive interview with Professor Donald Goertz, go to: [go.tyndale.ca/donaldgoertz](http://go.tyndale.ca/donaldgoertz)

Tyndale University College & Seminary conducted a survey in the fall of 2011 to find out how churches and individuals are involved in their communities. In all, 343 churches and 710 individuals responded to the survey. The quantitative results are compiled on the following page.

The number of responses to our qualitative questions was overwhelming. It seemed that this was a conversation people wanted to have. The responses to the qualitative questions of how churches and individuals are engaging their community, the challenges they face and how they would like to see the church and community interact in the future, were far too many for us to summarize on one page. Instead you will find a string of qualitative answers to these questions throughout the magazine. To find a list of the questions and on what page they start, go to the index on the back page.

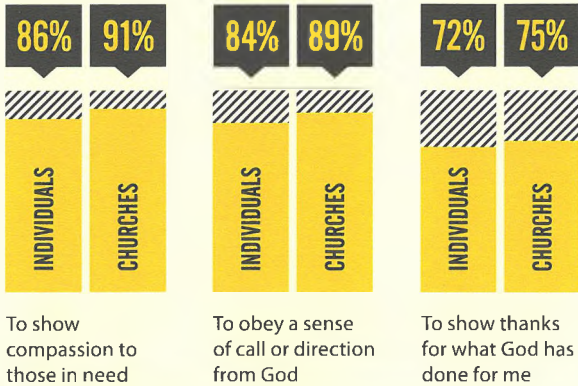


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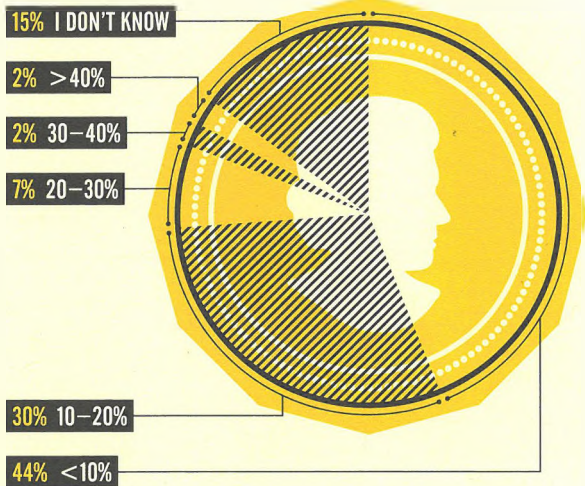
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- Ministries for the congregation
- Meeting the needs of the greater community
- Discipleship programs
- Outreach to people who do not attend church

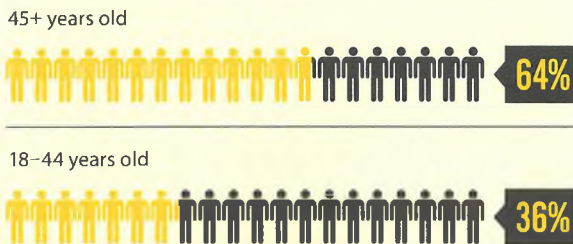
### TOP 3 REASONS INDIVIDUALS AND CHURCHES PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY MINISTRY



### PERCENTAGE OF CHURCH BUDGET FOR COMMUNITY MINISTRIES



### ABOUT THE INDIVIDUALS



# 71% OF CHURCHES HAVE A BUDGET FOR COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

### WHAT DO INDIVIDUALS AND CHURCHES BELIEVE?

INDIVIDUALS

CHURCHES

Believe that Christian ministry should be directed to all members of society

89% 93%

Believe that Christian ministry should not only be directed to members of the Christian faith

61% 65%

Believe the way to share God's love with people is by demonstrating it with loving actions

98% 99%

Believe the way to share God's love with people is by telling them about Jesus

86% 90%

Believe a church's social action should be directed to all who are in need in the world

81% 85%

Believe a church's social action should be directed toward its local community

71% 72%

### ABOUT THE CHURCHES



This research is based upon an electronic survey conducted by Tyndale University College & Seminary with a random sample of 343 churches and 710 individuals (alumni, faculty, students, staff and other individuals) of various denominations primarily in Ontario, Canada (December 2011). Infographic designed by Dylan Royal.

# Kevin Kirk

## Introducing Tyndale's New Senior Director, Development and Community Relations

Kevin Kirk, MTS, MBA is a familiar face to many at Tyndale. He worked at Tyndale for eleven years from 1992 to 2003. Kevin started his career at Tyndale as an admissions counsellor. "As I was about to graduate, I realized my time here was a life changing experience so I wanted to give something back," Kevin says of his first time working for Tyndale. In 2003 he became Prairie Bible Institute's Vice President of Marketing and Enrollment Management, where he remained for six years. Before returning to Tyndale in the fall of 2011, Kevin was Director of Enrolment Management & Marketing at McMaster Divinity College.

"I'm really excited about letting people know about the opportunities that are here. It's not just about bricks and mortar; it's about what we are able to do in the community... and what our students are able to do when they graduate."

"It is an incredible time to be a part of Tyndale again."

"When I left in 2003, Tyndale had just received University status; today it is even more of a university. The University College has more than eight years of university experience and the seminary is growing and thriving as the largest seminary in Canada."

"I'm excited that I get to keep telling the story about what's going on here."

"My heart has always been here...this is the place that really formed me."





## From the University College Student Council

Alex Staines (BA Religious Studies '12)

**T**wice a month, University College students go to Willowtree to volunteer at Toronto City Mission's drop-in. On Wednesdays, University College students can be found partnering with the Sanctuary doing "street-runs" downtown. For Alex Staines, Local Outreach Coordinator for the University College Student Council, this is just the beginning. Her desire is to see Tyndale bless the community around them; she explains, "We're a huge Christian community. What are we doing outside of this building?"

Alex, a third-year Religious Studies student, believes that the University College student body has the energy and opportunity to serve both locally and globally. In the summer of 2011, she joined the Tyndale Dominican Republic missions team for three weeks of service, working with youth and children, and the homeless. Upon returning to Canada, she found that God had used that time to grow her desire to interact with and serve the community.

Each month of the school year, Alex organizes a local outreach project for the University College students. These projects are intended to expose students to the needs in their neighbourhood and provide them with tangible ways

of serving others. In September, the students went downtown to help with a community clean up. In October, they wrote and delivered letters to neighbours on Ballyconnor Court, and in November, they handed out coffee and gift-cards to people living on the streets. "A lot of people's eyes were opened. They're seeing there is a need and brokenness. We can't just be here...we need to be serving," she reflects.

Alex adds that when the students unite as a body and serve, they meet new friends and grow closer to one another.

This year, Alex hopes to provide opportunities for students to serve with Yonge Street Mission, Habitat for Humanity, and a local food bank. Her desire is that University College students would have a growing passion for being involved in the lives of others and would be inspired to find creative ways to serve.

During her three years at Tyndale, Alex has lived on campus and admits it was difficult to get connected outside of the Tyndale campus. Now, she is increasingly passionate about wanting to intentionally interact with and serve the homeless and forgotten. In the future, Alex hopes to do ministry with youth and children wherever God leads her.

## Tyndale Seminary Students

### Gregg Lawson (MDiv '13)

**G**regg Lawson, a second-year MDiv Pastoral student, is a pastoral intern and outreach coordinator at Crossroads Church in Ajax. Crossroads, a Canadian Reformed Church plant, intentionally moved to a high-needs area in South Ajax to be present in the community. They meet weekly in a local elementary school and have focused their ministry efforts on the school and its community.

Crossroads has a simple approach; rather than invite people into church, those in the church focus on being present in the context of the community. Gregg notes that they hold events at the school, like the Family Day festival, which are open to the whole school community. When the school needs funds for a club, Crossroads helps to find donors and sponsors. When the school needs volunteers, Crossroads members step forward. "We are a small church yet when they have a need...the Lord has

been more than gracious to provide," Gregg explains.

Gregg notes that the church has to "walk a fine line" when it gets involved in secular arenas, as they attempt to be "sensitive to the culture but bold in proclaiming Jesus in their midst." Recognizing that many individuals and churches struggle to engage with their neighbours Gregg advises, "Ask God how He wants to change your community and then hold up a mirror... Just do it all in the name of Jesus to be a blessing to others."



### Emily Slotegraaf (MDiv '17)

**A**t Jane and Finch, in northwest Toronto, Emily Slotegraaf works with Role Model Moms GED to teach and administer a program that helps teen moms achieve their high school equivalency. Emily, a first-year MDiv Clinical Counselling student at Tyndale, has worked for four years in this position and faced many challenges. She notes that she wrestles daily with the heartache she witnesses, "I've gotten out of my comfort zone and grappled with the brokenness that people experience and tried to figure out



To help other students like Gregg, please give to the Tyndale Bursary Fund. Go to: [go.tyndale.ca/giving](http://go.tyndale.ca/giving)





where is God in this...I deal with [students who have experienced] rape, abuse, rejection, and depression.”

Emily is supported by various community programs and churches, as well as Toronto City Mission. Despite the difficulties of loving women who experience poverty, abuse, and neglect, Emily enjoys her work and takes comfort in the knowledge that God calls her to it. She notes, “Through it all, you can see God’s faithfulness because He loves these moms more than I do.”

At Tyndale, Emily has begun to have “hope for healing” as she grows in her knowledge of the integration of psychology and theology. Although sometimes Jane and Finch can feel like a spiritual desert, at Tyndale, Emily is encouraged by “meeting people who support you and talk to you; in seminary, people have grappled with life’s questions, and we can understand each other.” In response to how she builds relationships with her students, Emily notes that the teen moms “[are] like everyone else. They have dreams, desires, and difficulties.” As Emily teaches and mentors the teen moms in her program, she shows them the love of Christ.

## Coming Events

- March 13** 4th Annual Wesley Studies Symposium
- March 23** Alumni Breakfast
- March 24** RA Alumni Hockey Challenge
- March 31** Marriage Enrichment Seminar
- April 10** Graduation Chapel
- April 21–May 26** A Retreat in Daily Life (RDL)
- April 27–28** Marriage Preparation Seminar
- April 30** Spring/Summer classes begin
- May 11** Golden Milers & Distinguished Alumni
- May 12** Spring Graduation
- June 7** Centre for Mentorship and Theological Reflection Annual Conference
- September 10** Fall classes begin for University College and Seminary
- September 11** Commencement Chapel

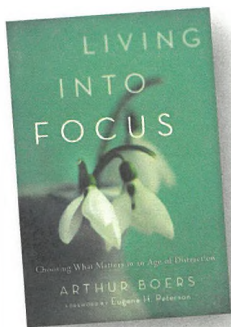
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## Faculty Updates

### Dr. Jan Alpenberg Associate Professor of Business Administration

In August 2011, Dr. Alpenberg, with co-author Dr. Paul Scarborough of Brock University, presented the paper, "Lean Production Practices," at the American Accounting Association Annual Conference in Denver, CO. Later that month, Dr. Alpenberg was the organizer for the symposium, When East Meets West, at the Academy of Management Annual Conference in San Antonio, TX. Dr. Alpenberg has also received a \$10,000 research grant from The Canadian Academic Accounting Association. The grant will be used jointly with Dr. Scarborough for the project, "Ontario Case Costing and Lean Healthcare: An Examination of the Impact of Management Accounting Systems and Strategic Change." In fall of 2011, Dr. Alpenberg worked with Youth Unlimited as their academic advisor for their entrepreneurship program, Blueprint.



### Dr. Arthur Boers Associate Professor, R.J. Bernardo Family Chair of Leadership

Dr. Boers was recently appointed Assistant Curate at St. Paul's L'Amoreaux Anglican, Toronto. In February 2011 he was a guest speaker at the Simpson Lectures at Acadia

Divinity School in Nova Scotia. Dr. Boers' most recent book, *Living into Focus: Choosing What Matters in an Age of Distractions*, was recently published by Brazos. The book explores the distractions of the modern age and ways to participate fully in life and community.

### Dr. Paul Bramer Professor of Christian Formation and Leadership

Dr. Bramer gave the plenary devotional addresses on "Leadership and Stewardship, Suffering, and Community," as well as a workshop on "Developing a Philosophy of Leadership" at the Canadian Council of Christian Charities Annual Conference in September 2011. In October 2011, he preached at the Evangelical Covenant Church of Canada's Minister and Spouses Retreat. This year, Dr. Bramer and Dr. Mark Chapman are holding 22 thesis hearings for graduating Doctor of Ministry candidates. They presented a paper on "Practical Theology, Ethics, and Action Research" at Tyndale's Theological Symposium in November and will present a paper on "Action Research and Missional Leadership" to the Association of Doctor of Ministry Educators in March 2012.

C. Brad Faught  
**The New  
A-Z of Empire**  
A Concise Handbook  
of British Imperial History



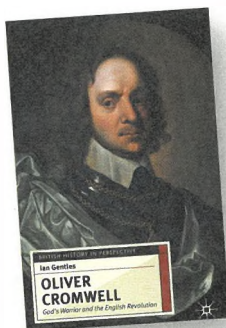
## Dr. Brad C. Faught Associate Professor of History

In December 2011, Dr. Faught's book *Into Africa: The Imperial Life of Margery Perham* was published by I.B.Tauris. The book looks at the life and career of Margery Perham and, through the lens of her private papers, details her role in the British

Empire and African-Independence. The first of its kind, Dr. Faught's book tells the story of a woman who spent the majority of her life in Africa, traveling, writing and working within the government to become an expert on the continent and the British Empire. Also published in 2011 was Dr. Faught's book *The New A-Z of Empire*, which is a concise review of 400 years of British Imperial history.

## Dr. Ian Gentles Professor of History

Dr. Gentles' book, *Oliver Cromwell: God's Warrior and the English Revolution*, was published by MacMillan in July 2011. The book describes Oliver Cromwell's career as a politician, preacher, and soldier, as well as intriguing facts about his private life.



## Dr. Anthony Hutchinson Assistant Professor in Human Services

After coming to Tyndale in 2011, Dr. Hutchinson has taught several university courses and spoken at various conferences. In October 2011 he

was a presenter for the workshop, "A Proven Strategy for Success" for youth attendees at the Destiny Youth Leadership Symposium in Markham, ON. Dr. Hutchinson also presented, "ABI and Increasing Ethnocultural Diversity: A Social Inclusion Framework" at the November 2011 Acquired Brain Injury Ontario Provincial Conference in Niagara Falls, ON. Also, in November 2011, Dr. Hutchinson was the keynote speaker at the Toronto Public Library Adult Literacy & Leading to Reading Tutor Conference in Toronto, ON.

## Dr. Rebecca Idestrom Associate Professor of Old Testament

Dr. Idestrom attended the Annual Meeting for the Society of Biblical Literature (SBL) in San Francisco, CA on November 18-22, 2011. There, she was one of four panelists who gave a response to the book *Healing in the Bible: Theological Insight for Christian Ministry* by Frederick J. Gaiser.

## Dr. John Kessler Professor of Old Testament

In April 2011, Dr. Kessler spent three weeks at Tyndale House in Cambridge, UK, researching exile and diaspora in the Old Testament. His article, "Prophecy at the Turning of the Ages: Imminent Crisis and Future Hope in Hag. 2:6-9; 20-23 and Zech. 2:10-17," appeared in volume 40 of the journal *Transeuphratène*. In November 2011, Dr. Kessler presented his paper "Covenant Relationships in the Book of Haggai" at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature in San Francisco, CA.



**Dr. Barbara Leung Lai**  
**Professor of Old Testament, and Director,**  
**Pastoral and Chinese Ministry Program**

Dr. Leung Lai is currently midway through a year sabbatical. This year she has had several essays published in periodicals. Dr. Leung Lai's recent monograph, *Through the "I"-Window: The Inner Life of Characters in the Hebrew Bible*, will be reviewed by a panel of 4 at the Psychology and Biblical Studies Section at the 2012 Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting in Chicago.

**Dr. Kevin Livingston**  
**Associate Professor of Pastoral Ministry**

In August 2011, Dr. Livingston spoke at the Scarborough Chinese Baptist Church's young adults retreat, where he gave three talks on Luke 15. In October, he was a participant in the Revitalization Movement Consultation at Tyndale Seminary, in collaboration with Asbury Theological Seminary. In March 2012, he spoke at First Presbyterian Church in New Westminster, BC for their 150th Anniversary Service. Additionally, he spoke at the Latin America Mission Canada's 50th anniversary celebration.

**Dr. Bradley Noel**  
**Director of Pentecostal Studies,**  
**Assistant Professor of Christian Ministries**

In August 2011, Dr. Noel became the Chair of Christian Ministries at Tyndale. At the Discipleship Conference of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Newfoundland and Labrador in October 2011, he presented a lecture entitled, "Discipleship Through the Various Generations." Dr. Noel will also travel to Norfolk, VA in March 2012 to present a paper entitled, "Ministry Lessons from the Life of Aimee Semple McPherson" at the Society for Pentecostal Studies Annual Meeting.

**Dr. Benjamin Reynolds**  
**Assistant Professor of Religious Studies**

Dr. Reynolds, Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, had an article published in December 2011. The article, "Johannine Son of Man and the Historical Jesus: Shall Ever the Twain Meet? John 9:35 as a Test Case," appears in the *Journal for the Study of the Historical Jesus*.

**Dr. Daniel Scott**  
**Associate Professor of Religious Studies**  
**and Christian Ministries, and**  
**former VP and Academic Dean of the**  
**University College**

Dr. Scott was recently appointed Managing Director of Save the Mothers, a not-for-profit organization based in Uganda that seeks to educate local leaders regarding safe pregnancy and motherhood. Dr. Scott will take a leave of absence from Tyndale during 2012. In his new role with Save the Mothers, Dr. Scott will oversee Canadian operations, assist with fundraising efforts and help expand the program to other countries. Board Chair Robert Morris notes, "In welcoming Dr. Scott, we are looking forward to his enabling Save the Mothers to become an even more effective instrument throughout the world."

**Dr. David Sherbino**  
**Professor of Spirituality and Pastoral**  
**Ministry**

In the fall of 2011, Dr. Sherbino spoke at a Baptist clergy conference in Brantford on the theme of "Making Space for God." Additionally, he shared about "Sabbath Rest" at the Renewal Fellowship of the Presbyterian Church in Canada and spoke on "Silence and Solitude" at the Jubilee Center of Spirituality. Dr. Sherbino was also a guest presenter for CTS Viewpoints on the issue of assisted suicide.

## New Faces at Tyndale



**Nathan Bonney**  
**Seminary Admissions Counsellor,**  
**August 2011**

"I'm in the final stages of completing a Master of Arts in Philosophy. I am happily married and my wife, Erin, and I have two young children whom we named after nineteenth-century writers. Our daughter Charlotte is named after the English novelist and poet, Charlotte Brontë, and our son Søren is named after the Danish philosopher and theologian, Søren Kierkegaard."



**Jessica Brisco**  
**Receptionist, Bayview Campus,**  
**November 2011**

"I am a Tyndale graduate from the Christian Studies: Transitions Program and I am in the final stages of completing my BRE—General Ministry."



**Drew Carlson**  
**Videographer, September 2011**

"I graduated from the Television and New Media Production program at Loyalist College. From there, I worked for the Toronto Blue Jays for the last two years. I was also an audio operator for the live broadcasts of the G8 and G20 conferences in Toronto in 2010."



**Tuuli Hannula**  
**Development Officer, December 2011**

"In my walk with God, I've learned that the closer I get to Him, the easier it is to answer the call to make bold life decisions. After establishing a strong public relations career in the corporate world, I felt God prompting me toward a new journey. I'm excited that path has led me to Tyndale."



**Andrew Nie**  
**Coordinator of Database and Communications, September 2011**

"I studied Psychology at Tyndale in 2005. Originally, I hoped to go into pastoral ministries or counselling but I changed career paths and went into computer networks. It looks like God had a plan for me here though, as He's brought me back!"



**Cathy Parker**  
**Executive Assistant to the President, September 2011**

"I have a B.Sc. from the University of British Columbia and an MBA from the University of Western Ontario. For the last 20 years, I have worked in various senior administrative and professional roles, having last served as a Parish Administrator at St. Paul's Bloor Street Anglican Church in Toronto. My husband Barry is the Senior Pastor at St. Paul's Bloor Street and we have three adult sons."



**Jenny Siftt**  
**Administrative Assistant to the Vice President Academic & Dean of the University College, November 2011**

"I graduated from Tyndale's Leading Edge program in 2005 and then completed my B. Comm. at Ryerson University's Ted Rogers School of Hospitality and Tourism Management. After varied experiences in the hospitality industry, including a position at the Ritz-Carlton Toronto, I am excited to be back at Tyndale and will use my customer service background in all interactions with students, staff and faculty."



**Catherine Yeung**  
**Administrative Assistant, Academic Programs, October 2011**

"I was previously a licensed stock trader as well as the former chairperson for the university fellowship at my church. Currently, I am studying Mandarin for personal interest."

## Transfers & Promotions

- Yan Chan**, Registration Assistant
- Andrew Friesen**, Maintenance Staff Associate
- Brenda Ho**, Associate Registrar
- Andrea Johnston-Potter**, External Relations Coordinator
- Sharon Khan**, Registration Officer
- Mandy Sun**, Registration Associate

## Alumni Updates

### John Harder (BTh '57)

John and his wife Audrey are living in St. Catharines and serve with Avant Ministries. They participate in many mission trips to Cuba, as well as raising Canadian awareness of the spiritual, economic, and political needs of Cuba. In January and February 2012, John and Audrey will participate in trips to Cuba that included teaching, preaching, and encouraging local pastors and congregations.

### Carolyn Rempel (Smith) (BRE '64) and Neil Rempel (BTh '63)

Neil and Carolyn are currently retired and serve as Associate Missionaries with Greater Europe Mission. They live in Manitoba and frequently participate in missions trips within the organization. In 2011, Carolyn went on three trips and was able to share her faith while teaching TEFL classes in Romania.

### Tina Kort (BRE '77)

Tina Kort is living in Botswana and works with Flying Mission, an indigenous NGO that handles all of the medical flying for the Botswana government. Tina is involved in HIV/AIDS awareness and edu-

cation, as well as facilitating orientation for new staff and teaching the local language, Setswana. In December 2011, Tina also helped to distribute over 300 Bibles to hospital patients. Tina will be retiring in the near future and asks for prayer regarding her plans.

### Doug Anderson (BTh '78)

Doug is currently International Director of Emmanuel International, which works with churches in Northern Uganda. Doug and his team have been preparing a long-

range training program for village health volunteers and rural pastors, and will start sending the first of several teams in January 2012.

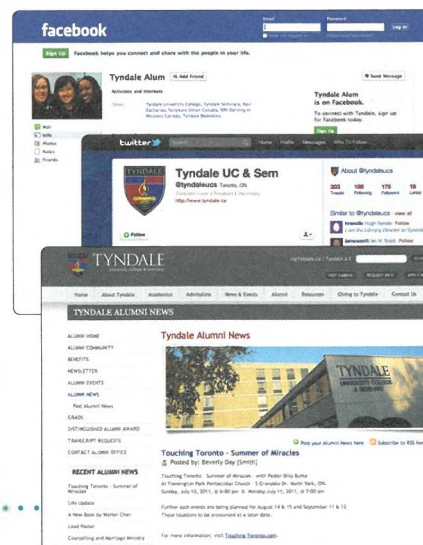
Doug and his wife, Beulah, live in Mississauga, ON with their two children, Bev and Dave.

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### Robert Graham (BRE '78)

In January 2012 Robert Graham became Executive Director of Georgian Native and Outreach Ministries, which runs summer camps for Native youth. Robert oversees

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Alan and Jeanette Adams

the three Smoky Trail Bible Camps and works alongside the staff to share Jesus with the First Nations people of Ontario.

**Connie Smith (BRE '79)**

Connie Smith and her husband, Sylvain Paluku Kavunga, live in Goma, DRC. Connie originally went to Congo (then Zaire) in 1988 as a nurse. Connie and Sylvain currently have 14 people living in their house, including 7 of their 10 children, 3 grandchildren, their sister-in-law and a nephew staying in the garage. Connie works with World Vision to address humanitarian and health concerns in Congo, a country that has faced two wars and continual violence.

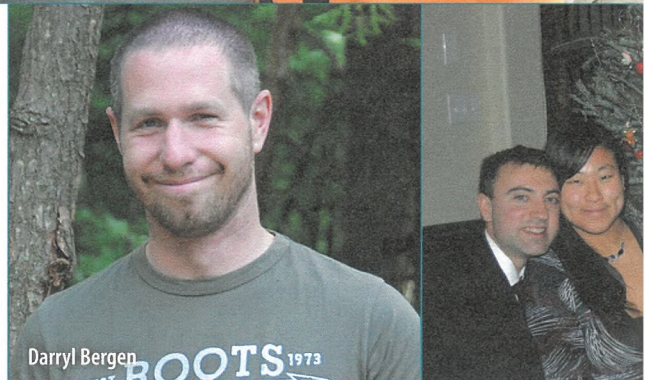
**Katherine Tapley Milton (MTS '81)**

In April 2011, Katherine published *Devotions with Your Cat*. Her book draws its inspiration from history, poets, hymn-writers, sages, saints and of course, cats. *Devotions with Your Cat* deals with difficult subjects such as suicide and prolonged suffering.

**Brian Crawford (BTh '82)**

Brian and his wife Linda, and their three children Bethany, Luke and

Brianna, serve with OMF in Chiang Mai, Thailand. They will return to Ontario for their home assignment in July 2012 and ask for prayers as they prepare to hand over responsibilities and look for accommodations.



Darryl Bergen

**Kenneth Jolley (BTh '84)**

Ken and his wife Mary Ann are serving with Fellowship International in Caracas, Venezuela. In fall 2011, Ken taught Introduction to the Bible and Introduction to Prophetic Literature at the seminary, El Seminario Evangélico de Caracas. Ken and Mary Ann ask for prayer for their team as they work to translate materials into Spanish.

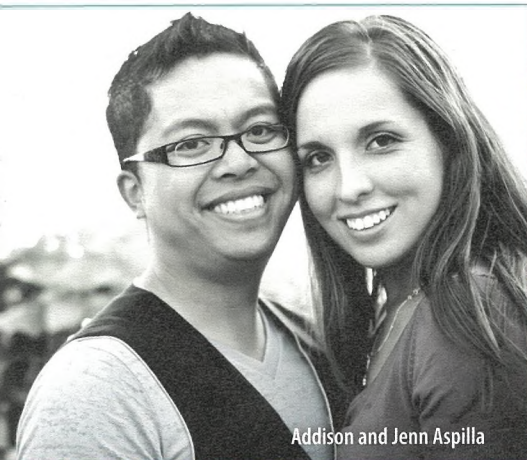
**Stewart Brown (MTS '85)**

Stewart is a speaker and teacher for One Heart Ministries. He is the author of the award-winning book *Majesty in Motion*, published in 2010. Stewart's newest workshop, "Leadership Essentials

for Lasting Success," is designed to equip team members and employees to develop a deeply encouraging culture in the workplace. In November 2011, Stewart taught nearly 300 pastors and youth leaders of 31 denominations at a college in Cuba.

**Judith Heal (MTS '90)**

In December 2010, Judith Heal completed the Doctor of Audiology from A.T. Still University, Arizona. Judith has worked as an Audiologist since receiving her Masters of Clinical Science in 1992 from The University of Western Ontario. She is currently working at The Hearing Rehab Centre in Midland, ON.



Addison and Jenn Aspillia



Alain Blondin and family

**Don Hiscox (BRE '93)**

Don and his family live in Lucan, ON and are involved in ministry at Community Bible Church. In 2011, Don published his first Children's book, *The Sled: A Christmas Story*. Don works as a Group Tour Planner at Ellison Tours.

**Alain Blondin (BA '95)**

Alain is living in Colorado Springs, CO where he works as a communication advisor to the Canadian Deputy Commander of North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD). Alain's wife, Lee-Anne, and sons Ryan and Yvan are all working for the Canadian forces. Alain



Doralynne Block Manu

notes that his time at OBC/Tyndale inspired him and his family to serve their country.

**Alan Adams (MTS '96)**

Alan and his wife Jeanette took on an interim pastorate in Perth, ON after retiring from pastoral ministry in 2008. At the end of June 2011, a lead pastor was appointed to the church and Alan and Jeannette entered their second retirement.

**Darryl Bergen (BRE '01)**

Darryl began serving as a community worker with Toronto City Mission in September 2011. He is excited to see God's kingdom through the building of community in St. James Town, Toronto.

**Pamela Schmidt Fitkin (BRE '05)**

Pamela Fitkin gave birth to a healthy baby girl, Victoria Rose Schmidt, on November 7, 2011. Pamela is the Senior Minister of Frank Street Baptist Church in Warton, ON.

**James Kearsley (MDiv '06)**

Jim and his wife, Cathie were recently licensed as pastors with the Hopewell Network in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. They are the pastors of Freedom

Path, a church plant in Akron, PA. Jim is also teaching part-time at Valley Forge Christian College at the Gettysburg campus.

**Doralynne Block Manu (MDiv '08)**

Dorrie Block, now Manu, met her husband, Eric, while pursuing her Doctorate of Ministry in the global classroom of Bakke Graduate University in Ghana. Dorrie and Eric have begun a humanitarian foundation called FODACH (Foundation for the Development of African Culture and Heritage) which aides with the developmental needs of education, health and agriculture in the city of Cape Coast, Ghana. Dorrie continues to work with Power to Change as the National Campus Director of Global Impact, which mobilizes students across Canada to international missions.

**Jenn Bodnar Aspillia (MDiv '10) and Addison Aspillia (MTS '11)**

Addison and Jenn were married on October 17, 2011. They are currently serving with Word Became Flesh Ministries and Cornerstone Community Church. Addison and Jenn also lead worship and speak at events across Ontario. Their

## Tyndale University College & Seminary Honorary Doctorate 2011

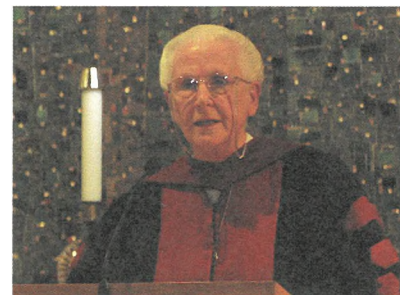
### Sister Sue Mosteller, C.S.J.

Born in Akron, Ohio, Sue Mosteller received most of her education from the Sisters of St. Joseph in Toronto. She entered the congregation of St. Joseph after high school, and taught school in British Columbia and Ontario for fifteen years, during which time she completed her degree in English at the University of Toronto.

In 1967 she met Jean Vanier who inspired her and called her to organize and give retreats and announce God's word in Canada and abroad. In 1972 she moved to join the L'Arche Daybreak community in Richmond Hill, where she shared life with people with disabilities and carried responsibility for the past 40 years.

In 1976, Sue was elected to replace Jean Vanier as the International Coordinator of L'Arche. For nine years she traveled widely, experienced other cultures and assisted in the birth of new L'Arche communities in many countries of the world.

Later, with Daybreak's pastor, Father Henri Nouwen and other Daybreak members, Sue opened



Dayspring, a small centre for spiritual growth inspired by the poor at the heart of the community.

Sue has published three books, the latest in 2006 entitled, *Light Through the Crack; Life After Loss* published by Doubleday in 2006.

When Henri Nouwen died in September 1996, Sue was named Executrix of his Literary Estate. She completed two unpublished manuscripts and edited another of Henri's books for publication. Sue is presently retired and lives at L'Arche Daybreak where she works as a member of the Henri Nouwen Legacy Trust.

With deep gratitude and respect for her life's work, Tyndale University College & Seminary conferred on Sister Sue Mosteller the honorary doctorate at the November 5, 2011 graduation ceremony. The award recognizes her lifelong commitment to sharing the love of God with many of society's marginalized people and her significant contributions to Christian life and learning over several decades.



Steve and Heather Kay Routh

blog, "Addison Avenue—Work, Life, and Ministry," features original articles, podcasts, videos, and music on the topics of spiritual formation, church leadership, ministry burnout, work-life balance, and worship arts.

### Karen Johnston Hansen (M.Div '10)

Karen began working at London Health Sciences Centre as a Chaplain for the University Hospital in December 2011. After graduating in May 2010, she completed the CPE (Clinical Pastoral Education) and finished a year residency with University Health Network at Toronto General and Princess Margaret Hospital in August 2011.

### Heather Kay Routh (BA '11)

Heather Kay married Thomas Stephen (Steve) Routh on September 4, 2011 in Rutherfordton, NC. They now live in Port Alsworth, AK where they met while Heather was on a short-term mission trip with Tyndale.

# Church + Community

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We have displayed some of the results from churches and individuals throughout the magazine. Below is an index of where the responses are displayed.

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